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FEMALE CHEETAH TO SOON GIVE BIRTH TO CUBS AT KUNO NATIONAL PARK

Veera, one of the South African cheetahs at the park, is pregnant and is expected to deliver soon, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav said

BOOST FOR PROJECT CHEETAH, SAYS MP CM

"Happiness is coming to Kuno... A female cheetah is soon going to give birth to cubs at the KNP. This news is a symbol of the great achievement of the Cheetah Project. The project started under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi is proving to be continuously improving the ecological balance," Yadav wrote in a post on social media platform X while sharing the information

LOWEST SURVIVAL RATE AMONG FELINES

- In September 2022, the prime minister released five female and three male cheetahs brought from Namibia into the Kuno National Park
- In February 2023, 12 more cheetahs were translocated from South Africa
- According to wildlife literature, among all feline family cubs, cheetah cubs have the lowest survival rate with only 5% reaching adulthood | P8

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NUMBER OF CUBS BORN IN THE KUNO PARK IN THE PAST TWO YEARS; 12 HAVE SURVIVED

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Brinkmanship as Uddhav's Sena, Cong bicker on 15

Both refuse to yield; Grand Old Party looks to contest from more if push comes to shove

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

WHILE the BJP announced its first list of 99 candidates for the assembly elections on Sunday, politics of brinkmanship played out in the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi between the Congress and the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, particularly over 15 seats in the Vidarbha region and elsewhere.

Since the Congress has a better strike rate in Vidarbha, it does not want to yield. But Uddhav is equally stubborn and the dispute has reached Delhi.

After the Congress' refusal, Uddhav called a meeting of his senior party leaders to weigh his options and decide on the next steps. Earlier in the day, his son Aditya and Anil Parab met former Union minister Sharad Pawar to find a middle ground to resolve the situation.

A meeting of the Congress election and screening committee, scheduled in Delhi on Sunday, got cancelled due to the stalemate. But for the impasse, the party was expected to announce its first list of candidates after the meeting.

A senior Congress leader from the state, who is in Delhi for the meeting, said they were advised not to return as the next meeting could take place as early as Monday.

"The party leadership told us that the Congress should prepare to contest 150 to 160 seats as a contingency plan if push comes to shove. We were ready for 110-120 seats; now we have to expand our horizon and look for potential candidates. We have started tapping Congress aspirants from other constituencies to get a sense of their winning potential," the leader said, requesting anonymity.

Another Congress leader claimed that the Uddhav Sena neither has presence in these 15 seats nor does it have candidates, yet it is adamant about them. "If the Uddhav Sena eventually contests from these seats, all of them would easily fall into the ruling Mahayuti's pocket. The Sena (UBT) should understand the gravity of the situation and back off," he said.

However, a Sena (UBT) leader accused the Congress of being a habitual offender in not giving space to its allies.

"It should learn lessons from the Haryana debacle. We are expecting this issue would be resolved soon in the larger interest of the state," he said.

Uddhav has also asked the Congress not to stretch things beyond the breaking point. P7

RJD may go it alone in Jharkhand

With the rift in the ruling INDIA bloc widening over seat sharing, the RJD said it may go solo in the assembly polls in Jharkhand. The party wants to contest 18-20 seats but has been offered just 4-5 | P7

MUDA: ED TAKES AWAY 800 PAGES OF PAPERS, HARD DISK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

DIRECTORATE of Enforcement (ED) officials, probing the MUDA site allotment scam, involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi BM, concluded their two-day raid and took away 800 pages of documents and a hard disk from the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

The officers carried out searches till 2.30 am on Sunday and sought documents related to sites allotted under the 50:50 ratio. MUDA Commissioner AN Raghunandhan and other officers furnished all the correspondence related to 3 acres 18 guntas of land in Kesare owned by Parvathi and 24 sites allotted to her by MUDA in the upmarket Vijayanagar. The ED officials took both soft and hard copies and got them photocopied. The seized documents were packed

and moved under police security.

During the 41-hour raid, the ED officials camped in the MUDA office with round-the-clock protection from around 20 armed CRPF personnel along with local police.

Raghunandan told reporters that MUDA officials completely cooperated with ED officials during the investigation. "MUDA will resume its normal operations from Monday," he said.

The Lokayuktha police, meanwhile, who are also probing the MUDA site scam, interrogated former deputy commissioner and Raichur MP Kumar Naik, who had served in Mysuru and denotified the land in Kesare.

The Lokayuktha police posed a series of questions to him on approving the conversion of agricultural land on Survey Number 464 in Kesare. They also sought details of the spot visit and asked Naik whether he had gone through the records submitted by Accused No. 4 Devaraj and also on the missing signature of the witness.

Mysterious blast outside CRPF school in Delhi, multi-agency investigation on

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

A mysterious blast occurred near a CRPF school in Delhi's Rohini area on Sunday morning, sparking a security alert in the national capital. The blast, which appeared to be triggered by a crude bomb, partially damaged the school's wall and some cars parked nearby. Nobody was injured.

Delhi Police personnel reached the spot soon after the explosion. The National Security Guard and National Investigation Agency also sent their teams to inspect the blast site.

Investigators lifted fragments of some white powder from the spot, which indicated the use of a crude bomb having chemical mixture of ammonium nitrate and ammonium chloride.

"As of now, we don't think any improvised explosive device was used as no metal-like substances, shrapnel, or ball bearings were found at the site," a senior official told this newspaper.

DCP (Rohini) Amit Goel said the police was alerted about the blast at 7.50 am. He said the police personnel who rushed to the spot reported foul smell emanating from the area. "The glasses of a nearby shop and some cars parked nearby were shattered. However, no one was injured," the DCP said.

A video of the incident, possibly recorded by some locals, showed thick plumes of smoke billowing from the blast site.

"A multi-agency probe is on. I am keeping a constant watch on the progress of the investigation and assure that the guilty will be brought to book. I appeal to all to maintain restrain and not indulge in fear mongering," Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena said.

Official sources said there was no intelligence input about any possible disruption.

Meanwhile, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi blamed the Centre for the blast. "The bomb blast exposes the deteriorating security situation in Delhi. The BJP-led Central government is responsible for law and order in the city. However, they spend their time obstructing the efforts of the elected Delhi government rather than fulfilling their responsibilities. This neglect has resulted in Delhi resembling the 1990s Mumbai underworld era, with shootings, extortion, and rising criminal confidence," she said.

National Security Guard personnel inspect the blast site outside the CRPF school at Prashant Vihar in Rohini area of New Delhi on Sunday morning | PARVEEN NEGI

TERROR STRIKE

Doc, 6 migrant workers shot dead in J&K's Ganderbal dist

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN a major terror attack, militants on Sunday evening shot dead a local doctor, identified as Dr Shahnawaz, and six migrant labourers working with a key infrastructure project at Gagangir of Sonmarg in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district. Seven others were injured in the terror attack.

Sources said the terrorists fired indiscriminately from close range at a group of workers at Gagangir area of Sonamarg. "They also fired on a vehicle carrying migrant workers," sources said.

The workers were part of a construction team working on key Z Morh tunnel, which connects Gaganeer to Sonamarg in Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

Of the six workers who were killed, three were from Bihar, one from Madhya Pradesh, and one hailed from Jammu. One is yet to be identified.

Confirming the militant attack, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah wrote on X: "Very sad news of a dastardly & cowardly attack on non-local labourers. These people were working on a key infrastructure project... I strongly condemn this attack".

Home Minister Amit Shah termed the attack on civilians a despicable act of cowardice. "Those involved in this heinous act won't be spared and will face the harshest response from our security forces," he wrote on X.

After the attack, a joint contingent of police, CRPF, and Army launched a combing operation to trace the militants.

This is the second targeted attack on migrant workers after the Omar Abdullah government assumed charge in the UT. On Thursday, a Bihar native was shot dead in Shopian district.

Stones on track trigger loud noise near Mangaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mangaluru

STONES placed on railway tracks by some miscreants near Thokkottu overbridge triggered a loud sound and caused vibrations in surrounding areas after trains passed over the stones on Saturday night.

Local residents informed Ullal and railway police about the incident after two trains between Kerala and Mangaluru passed over the track.

Railway department sources said the incident occurred around 9 pm. After complaints from the local residents, the Railway Police conducted night patrolling and found crushed stones on the track.

"We suspect that some children would have placed the stones while playing near the track. But the Railways has taken the incident seriously and we are investigating it from all angles. We will carry out arrests if any miscreants did it intentionally," an official said.

Local residents said that stones had been placed on both the tracks and a few women had seen two strangers walking beside the track an hour before the incident, which is being verified by the authorities.

A policeman stands near the spot where stones were found on the railway track

SEER SAMMAN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets Kanchi Shankaracharya Vijayendra Saraswati Swamigal at an event to inaugurate the RJ Sankara Eye Hospital, in Varanasi on Sunday. Run by the Kanchi Math, the hospital aims to cater to the needs of people in 20 districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh as well as those in the border areas of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh | P11 | P8

KSMSCL MD seeks report after *TNIE* exposes med supplies mismanagement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

A day after *The New Indian Express* published a report, 'KSMSCL officials diverted medical supplies elsewhere?', Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd Managing Director Srinivas on Sunday sought a report from officials concerned.

In a press statement, the health department and KSMSCL MD stated, "The issue raised is of serious concern, and a thorough investigation will be conducted to ensure the integrity and proper functioning of warehouse operations. The steps will be taken in response to the complaint, including the investigation process and the measures that will be implemented should the complaint be substantiated with stock position review, interviews and inspection and data collection."

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The KSMSCL MD has sought a comprehensive review of the current stock position at the Mysuru warehouse. Inventory records will be audited and compared with physical stocks to identify any discrepancies. The warehouse will be inspected to verify whether storage and stock management procedures were followed, it stated.

The MD said the data on stock transactions, shipments and receipt logs will be obtained from the warehouse management system. A timeline of stock movements and any reported issues will be created for analysis.

The MD stated that if any irregularities are identified during the initial stock position review, corrective actions will be taken immediately. Inventory management processes will be temporarily enhanced with increased supervision until the investigation is concluded. Strict disciplinary action will be taken against those responsible, he added.

90 and counting as 25 more Indian flights get hoax bomb threats

SHEKHAR SINGH @ New Delhi

HOAX bomb threats continued to disrupt the aviation sector for the seventh consecutive day on Sunday, grounding planes and unnerving passengers.

As many as 25 flights across major carriers—IndiGo, Vistara, Air India and Akasa Air—were forced into emergency security measures after receiving hoax threats. Since October 14, over 90 Indian flights have been affected by similar bomb scares.

Though these threats turned out to be fake, the fallout is real: delayed flights, disrupted schedules, and mounting anxiety among passengers and airlines.

"We received security threats on six of our flights," a Vistara spokesperson said, listing major international routes — Delhi to Frankfurt, Singapore to Mumbai, Bali to Delhi, Singapore to Delhi, Singapore to Pune, and Mumbai to Singapore.

Six of the affected IndiGo flights included those on the Delhi-Istanbul, Mumbai-Istanbul, Jeddah-Mumbai, Kozhikode-Dammam in Saudi Arabia, Pune-Jodhpur, and Goa-Ahmedabad sectors.

Akasa Air said six flights — Ahmedabad to Mumbai, Delhi to Goa, Mumbai to Bagdogra, Delhi to Hyderabad, Kochi to Mumbai and Lucknow to Mumbai — received security alerts. "The Akasa Air Emergency Response teams were in touch with security and regulatory authorities," said an airline spokesperson.

Sources said six Air India flights, too, faced a similar situation though its officials did not share the number. They, however, confirmed that some flights were subject to security threats received on social media. "Following the laid down protocols, relevant authorities were immediately alerted, and all security procedures strictly adhered to, as per guidance from the regulatory authorities and security agencies," said an official.

While the source of bomb threats has largely been confined to social media, their growing number and frequency are a cause of concern.

X handle blocked

On Sunday, a handle on social media platform X that had issued bomb threats to some flights was blocked

3 K'taka flights, B'gavi airport receive hoax threats

Two flights — one arriving at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport and one departing — received hoax threat calls on Sunday, said sources. While one of them was an Alliance Air flight from Vidyanagar to KIA, the second one was an IndiGo flight taking off from KIA to Delhi. A bomb threat was also received for a flight from Mangaluru to Dubai (IX 383). Belagavi's Sambra Airport, too, received a hoax bomb threat. P5

EXPRESS READ

Cyclone Dana may hit N Odisha-Bengal coast

Bhubaneswar: Cyclone Dana, the season's first tropical storm, is likely to form over Bay of Bengal by October 23. It may take shape of a severe category storm and move in the northwest direction towards north Odisha and West Bengal coasts, IMD said

Kiwis clinch historic Test win in India after 36 yrs

Bengaluru: New Zealand recorded their first Test victory on Indian soil after 36 years, beating the hosts by eight wickets on the fifth and final day of the opening encounter in Bengaluru. The Black Caps now lead the three-Test series 1-0. Needing 107 to win on the final day, New Zealand's Will Young (48 not out) and Rachin Ravindra (39 not out) added 75 runs for the third wicket to take the team to victory in 27.4 overs | P11

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Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Ashwayuja • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Chathurthi 8.41 am
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Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Overcast

Sunrise 06.10 am
Sunset 05.57 pm
Moonrise 09.31 pm
Moonset 09.58 am

Metro chugs into 14th year with high expectations

2nd largest network with 7.5L avg daily ridership; Coach shortage a drawback

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

NAMMA Metro stepped into its 14th year on Sunday, having cemented its place as a vital public transportation mode for the city. In sharp contrast to the skepticism regarding patronage for Metro travel in the initial period following its launch on October 20, 2011, on the 6.7-km stretch between Baiyappanahalli and MG Road, Bengalureans are today vociferously demanding the opening up of completed new Metro lines at the earliest.

It has emerged as the second largest Metro network in India, with 73.81km and 66 stations, next only to Delhi Metro.

The lack of breathing space inside trains is a constant complaint among Metro commuters. With an average ridership of 7.5 lakh daily, it has begun making operational profits.

Ridership is expected to shoot up within the next four months, when the small 3.14-km line between Nagasandra and Madavara, and the much awaited RV Road-Bommasandra stretch (Yellow Line) via Electronics City are launched.

The boost in ridership has emboldened BMRCL to contemplate going in for a hike in fares. A committee has been set up which will submit its recommendation within 90 days.

The biggest issue facing the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is the shortage of coaches to increase the frequency of trips. This is the same reason why the completed Yellow Line has merely become a showpiece.

Transportation expert Sanjeev Dyammanavar told TNIE, "Patronage of Bengaluru Metro is increasing month on month, which shows public confidence in Metro services. Ridership is set to increase as its services are being extensively used."

With increased ridership, BMRCL is forced to confront different kinds of issues. It finds itself helpless, with a spate of suicide attempts at its stations since last year.

What to look forward to

- Phase 2A & 2B that will connect Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport via KR Pura, will completely change the way the public commutes to the airport. Tunnelling for the underground corridor of Pink Line from Nagawara to Kalena Agrahara is expected to be completed shortly, with the last Tunnel Boring Machine still at work.
- Phase-3, running 32.15km with two corridors that will connect JP Nagar to Hebbal and Hosahalli to Kadabagere along Magadi Road, received the nod from the Union Cabinet two months ago. Phase-3A line along Sarjapur Road still awaits the nod of the State government.

None of the BMRCL officials were willing to comment on the milestone.

LAUNCHES OVER THE YEARS

Oct 20, 2011	MG Road-Baiyappanahalli
May 1, 2014	Nagasandra-Peenya Industry
March 1, 2014	Peenya Industry-Yesvantpur
March 1, 2014	Yesvantpur-Sampgie Road
Nov 16, 2015	Magadi Road-Mysuru Road
April 30, 2016	MG Road-Magadi Road
June 18, 2017	Sampige Road-RV Road
June 18, 2021	RV Road-Yelachenahalli
Jan 14, 2021	Yelachenahalli-Silk Institute
Aug 29, 2021	Mysuru Road-Kengeri
March 25, 2023	KR Pura -Kadugodi
Oct 9, 2023	Kengeri-Challaghatta
Oct 9, 2023	Baiyappanahalli-KR Pura

9,17,365 passengers
HIGHEST RIDERSHIP ON AUGUST 14, 2024

IMPENDING LAUNCHES

Nagasandra to Madavara Line launch expected this week	RV Road to Bommasandra Line launch by January 2025

LAST DATE FOR FEEDBACK ON FARE REVISION EXTENDED TO OCT 28

Bengaluru: BMRCL has extended the deadline for public feedback on the proposed revision of Metro fares to October 28. Previously public were invited to send their views to the First Fare Fixation Committee of BMRCL by October 21. Responses can be sent via email to ffc@bmrc.co.in, through Whatsapp at 9448291173 or by post to the chairperson, 1st Fare Fixation Committee of BMRCL, 3rd Floor, C Block, BMTC Complex, KH Road, Shantinagar, Bengaluru- 560027

The flooded basement of an apartment complex in BEML Layout, in Rajarajeshwari Nagar in Bengaluru on Sunday; Water overflows from a manhole after heavy rain at Valagerahalli, Kengeri Satellite Town; A civic worker unblocks a drain on an inundated Mysuru Road | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Rain woes continue to haunt city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

APARTMENT complexes and major roads in the city were flooded owing to heavy rain on the wee hours of Sunday. While the rain stopped in the morning, the city saw intermittent rain in the afternoon affecting the Sunday plans of many Bengalureans. Basements of apartment complexes in Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Kumaraswamy Layout, Uttarahalli and Kengeri in Bengaluru West were inundated. Residents of Rajarajeshwari Nagar and Uttarahalli woke up only to find that their basements flooded with their two-wheelers and cars submerged. Jayaram Das Junction on Mysuru Road was flooded on both sides and the Bangalore Traffic Police had put up a notice asking people to use alternative roads. Also, Khoday underpass near KSR City Railway Station was flooded affecting vehicular movement.

Roopena Agrahara and Silk Board Junction, too, were flooded leading to slow-moving traffic. Staff at the BBMP control room said that they did not receive any complaints on houses getting flooded. However, tree falls were reported from Koramangala, RR Nagar, Kammanahalli, Indiranagar, and Neelasandra.

According to the rainfall data from Varuna Mitra, on the 24-hour period ending at 8.30 am on October 20, Kengeri received the highest rainfall of 141.5 mm rain, followed by Jnana Bharathi, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Nayandahalli with 106 mm.

Activists: Introduce vendor licence for sale of tobacco, safeguard kids' future

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

WHILE vendors have protested urging the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike (BBMP)'s move to introduce 'vendor licensing' for selling tobacco products like cigarettes, bidis and gutka, those working for the welfare of children demanded that the civic body implements it at the earliest.

They argued that many vendors are blatantly violating the Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) by selling tobacco within 100 yards of school premises; loose cigarettes and tobacco to children below 18 years and allowing public smoking around shops. They believe that vendor licensing will make vendors fall in line. Vendors who sell tobacco in petty shops, bakeries, provision stores, tea shops, milk booths, pan kiosks and others must apply with BBMP and get a license by paying a fee of Rs 500. Violation of any the rules could attract fines up to Rs 5,000, with repeated violations leading to license suspension.

Speaking to TNIE, SJ Chander, Convenor of Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka, an organisation that has been working towards tobacco control for more than two decades said, "Children are especially vulnerable to risky behaviour as their prefrontal cortex, the front part of the brain responsible for emotional control, rational decision making matures slowly. The glamourisation of tobacco use by celebrities makes the substance seem socially and legally acceptable. On the other hand, easy access to these products has been jeopardising their futures. It is the responsibility of the society to protect the future of our children. Therefore vendor licence must be implemented strictly and the BBMP should implement it at the earliest. Studies have shown rampant COTPA violations, for which only vendor licensing is a critical step towards curbing this issue," Chander said. General Secretary of Associated Management of Private Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) Shashi Kumar said, "Enforcing strict implementation of vendor licence will promote compliance with Section 6(b) of COTPA, which prohibits the sale of tobacco within 100 yards of educational institutions."

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Bike rally held to raise breast cancer awareness

Bengaluru: In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness month, HCG Cancer Centre, Bengaluru, hosted the 'Pink Women's Bikeathon 2024', a 10-km all-women bike rally aimed at raising awareness for breast cancer prevention. The rally saw the participation of 180 women riders, who took to the roads on superbikes to promote the importance of early detection, screening, and overall well-being. The ride began at 7am Sunday, starting from HCG Cancer Centre on KR Road. Dr Roshni Dasgupta, Medical Oncologist, HCG Cancer Centre, KR Road, Bangalore, said, "Breast cancer affects millions of women, but it is also one of the most preventable forms of cancer through early detection and regular screenings."

UG-NEET candidates can submit documents to their colleges

Bengaluru: Candidates who have been allotted medical seats in the UG-NEET-2024 mop-up round should report to their colleges directly after the payment of fees, stated the Karnataka Examinations Authority. KEA Executive Director H Prasanna said the original documents should be submitted to colleges at the time of admissions. Such candidates need not come to the KEA on Monday for the submission of original documents as informed earlier, he clarified, adding that candidates can pay the fees till October 22 and report to the college for admissions.

Scrapping yet to pick up pace, only 3k vehicles reach facilities so far

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

IT has been nearly a year since two Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSF) became operational in the state. However, according to data from the RVSF dashboard of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways these facilities have not gained the momentum anticipated by the state transport department, with just over 3,000 vehicles (both government and private) scrapped till date.

Many private vehicle users prefer to continue using their old vehicles which are over 15 years. As per Karnataka's Registered Vehicle Scrappage Policy 2022, all government vehicles that are 15 years old and private vehicles that have completed 15 years and have not passed the fitness test should be scrapped. Commercial vehicles, which must get their fitness certificates renewed every year, are also subject to scrapping if they fail the test. The RVSF facilities are designed to conduct scrapping scientifically without causing any damage to the environment. Besides the scrapped materials are recycled.

Additional Commissioner of Transport (Enforcement) C Mallikarjuna said that as per the data available with the state transport department, nearly 10,000 vehicles- both government and private vehicles have been scrapped so far. However, the numbers will take time to reflect on the MoRTH RVSF dashboard. He emphasised that while scrapping of government vehicles which have completed 15 years is mandatory, private vehicles owners have the option to keep their vehicles if they pass the fitness test.

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"As long as the private vehicles pass the fitness test, we cannot compel them to scrap the old vehicles. If old vehicles are scrapped, they get a Certificate of Deposit, which offer a concession on motor vehicle tax," Mallikarjuna said.

Meanwhile, people said that more awareness should be created about vehicle scrapping policy for them to come forward and get their vehicles scrapped without polluting the environment. They urged the state transport department to take up mass campaigns by showing videos on how an old vehicle is scrapped scientifically and how this will help prevent pollution.

Mallikarjuna said the department will intensify these efforts to encourage people to scrap old vehicles.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

21st October : Aquarian alignments set our minds a-buzzing. Some people will be on top form today, others should take a back seat. According to my prognosis, individuals with a lot to say for themselves will be dominating the scene, while those who have practical plans to pursue may keep their heads down and make as much progress as they can.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Make an early start to the day - as early as you can. Also, don't be embarrassed about needing or wanting more money, but do realise that what is really important is to be as generous with others as you would like to be with yourself. That's as good a way to build a better future as any!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Today's passionate Moon should finally make it clear that while others' misconduct or obstruction has indeed been responsible for many of your problems, you may also have played your part! That's why there's little to be gained from attributing blame. What you can change now are your attitudes and responses.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You have the freedom to choose between different options - and don't forget it! Right now, you're facing the sort of decisions which carry ethical or moral implications: you'll have to elect between right and wrong. Also, turn your attention to dreams of travel.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
There's a distinct mood of passion and romance in the air today. If you're foot-loose and fancy-free, this is wonderful for those of you currently on the tail of a new love, and even at work you'll be able to apply your broad and colourful imagination.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
You would be wise to concentrate as much as you possibly can on home and family affairs. It is essential to take every part of your life in order, and not to attempt any new worldly initiative unless you are personally happy. The last thing you want to do is get stuck in a set of problems which is none of your making.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There's an almost educational feel in your chart today, so everything seems to hinge around facts and information. In other words, there could yet be something very important for you to find out. Your natural curiosity may get the better of you, so make a point of asking others what they think.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You may be stretched to the limit today. Don't wait for others to force the pace, but extend your own possibilities by accepting invitations in the belief that you are bound to succeed. The times are on your side, so please go forward with confidence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Everything in all personal departments is now looking quite exceptionally helpful. Your best shot will be to help yourself by getting the facts straight and taking family members into your confidence. What you need to do now is get other people on your team - and soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
I would expect a rash of strange and energetic dreams in the wee hours of the morning, so if you should wake up feeling strangely worn out, this is the reason! Actually, one activity you can enjoy later on is day-dreaming, so you may follow your imagination wherever it leads.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You can't really function without proper emotional support and teamwork could prove a great deal more useful than expected. So, if you're sitting on any committees, or responsible for getting group activities on line, you could soon receive a valuable boost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It's a perfect moment for all ambitious and professional individuals. In fact, it's going to be an extremely useful fortnight for everyone pursuing major schemes and dreams, even those of you whose principle goal is domestic and family security.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You can't decide whether you want to be secretive and solitary or sociable and gregarious. You'll probably perform your familiar trick of keeping yourself to yourself even while surrounded by other people. Some might notice your absent air, but most won't!

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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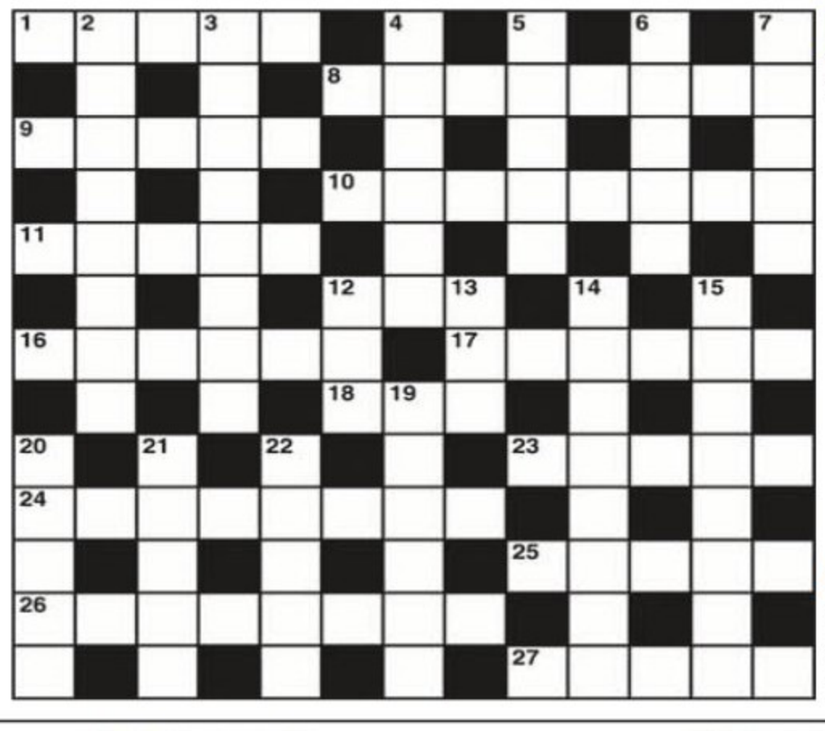
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Game pie has nothing in it (5)
8 One way to check payment by cheque (8)
9 A moment of informality (5)
10 Suspicion of corrosion after condensation (8)
11 Colour an Irishman goes about in (5)
12 Back-dated a leave? (3)
16 Make a drastic capital cut? (6)
17 You can count on a taxi returning with us (6)
18 Ring very loudly in departing (3)
23 Simple way to start a mobile menagerie (5)
24 Superintend but miss something? (8)
25 Bank in which the greedy keep their money? (5)
26 Skill shown when skill is added to effort (8)
27 Fish steak that's cooked (5)

DOWN
2 Diet a man has to become lively (8)
3 He might make end of refor ref make end of him (8)
4 Defeat looks far from good in the record (6)
5 Condition put into words (5)
6 Unsure how to combat the shivers (5)
7 Fresh information about the first amphibians (5)
12 Bit of publicity that leads to nothing but trouble (3)
13 Lout of a sort (3)
14 Feat of a magician with a topper or a bowler (3,5)
15 Dismissed just for being unqualified (8)
19 Knocks down several storeys? (6)
20 Sail to set up or put up (5)
21 A current issue on the coast (5)
22 Get the game started (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Altogether, 6 Rows, 10 Agree, 11 Not at home, 12 Asuncion, 13 Cured, 15 Ironing, 17 Shampoo, 19 Caddies, 21 Egotist, 22 Notch, 24 Niceties, 27 Unprinted, 28 Rhino, 29 To-do, 30 Wristwatch.

Down: 1 Ahab, 2 Threshold, 3 Green, 4 Tanning, 5 Extends, 7 Odour, 8 Speedboats, 9 Staccato, 14 Misconduct, 16 Irishjig, 18 Price list, 20 Senator, 21 Encodes, 23 Toped, 25 Throw, 26 Noah.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

MAFOY
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I think this will be worth every penny!
Let's see if we can reach London.
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THE DECISION TO BUILD A TRANSATLANTIC TELEPHONE CABLE WAS A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: TRUTH CLICK FINITE POORLY
Answer: The first volunteer to arrive to help clean up the roadside trash had the — PICK OF THE LITTER

CID DySP Mohammed Rafi was grievously injured when the car in which he was travelling hit an oncoming vehicle near Kattaya village on Hassan-Ramanathapura road on Sunday. He was immediately shifted to HIMS Hospital in an ambulance where he is recovering. Both the vehicles were damaged severely due to impact of the accident. The incident occurred when Rafi was going to Arkalgud on personal work

EXPRESS READ

39-year-old held for raping minor

Bengaluru: A 39-year-old man was arrested by the Madanayakanahalli police for allegedly raping a minor girl. The accused has been identified as Ravikumar. A senior police officer told TNIE, that a 17-year-old girl was allegedly raped by Ravikumar at her residence a few months ago, and the girl's father filed a complaint about a month ago. Based on his complaint, a case was registered under the provisions of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the accused was arrested on Saturday. Further investigations are on.

Kichcha Sudeep's mother no more

Bengaluru: Leading Kannada actor Kichcha Sudeep's mother Saroja Sanjeev passed away here on Sunday. Saroja, who was aged over 80 years, was suffering from age-related ailments and breathed her last at a private hospital on Sunday morning. Her mortal remains were brought from the hospital to the actor's residence in JP Nagar. Several film industry personalities, politicians, well wishers, family and friends paid their final respects. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai, who is close to the Sandalwood actor, was among those who paid homage. Bommai was seen consoling a teary-eyed Sudeep. The last rites were performed on Sunday evening.

56 SOS CALLS FROM SAFETY ISLANDS, BUT NONE FROM WOMEN!

Command Centre receives 2 crank calls daily

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

THE Safety Islands, installed by the city police to enhance women's safety, received 56 alert calls in the past six months, primarily regarding theft and public disturbances. Despite their purpose, the emergency system has not recorded any emergency alerts from women.

Around 50 Safety Islands are installed across the city, under the Safe City project. The Safety Islands resemble blue telephone booths and have emergency call buttons directly linked to the Command Centre located at the Police Commissioner's office. Each unit is monitored by CCTV cameras installed nearby, providing real-time updates to the police.

A senior police officer from the Command Centre said that through Safety Islands, multiple complaints have been received, with theft and public quarrels being the most prevalent issues. The Command Centre, on an average, receives two crank calls every day, as youths walking near the Safety Islands press the SOS button, to check whether it is functioniong.

He recalled an incident in March, where a foreign national reported the loss of his mobile phone and a laptop which he had left in an auto rickshaw near a mall. He utilized a Safety Island to alert the Command Centre, which analyzed CCTV footage and coordinated with local police to recover his belongings the following day. "There are also incidents where people have used Safety Islands to reach out to police to report about suicide attempts and our teams have successfully thwarted them."

Another officer stated that Safety Island is installed for emergency situations, where women, who are alone, don't have access to a mobile phone and feel unsafe, can use the service to quickly connect with the police. It's not limited to women, other citizens can also use them.

He further said that the woman have access to multiple platforms, such as Namma 112 and the Suraksha app, which might be the reason behind low usage of Safety Islands.

If women haven't used the service, it is a good sign. The Safety Islands are there for them to feel safe, and it's for any kind of emergency. If public are using it, it's a benefit for public and police, he added.

HEIGHT OF FAITH

The 63-ft-tall Sriramanjaneya statue unveiled at Rama Mandira in Rajajinagar, Bengaluru, on Sunday | EXPRESS

Cop cheats family of ₹47L, assuring govt jobs to 2 kids

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A head constable attached to the City Armed Reserve (CAR) has been accused of cheating a woman of Rs 47 lakh by promising to get government jobs for her children in exchange for money.

The accused has been identified as Prashant Kumar, a head constable attached to the CAR (Central division) in the city. His wife Deepa and two others too are accused in the case.

The complaint was filed by Bhagyamma, a resident of Mahalakshmi Layout, who met Prashant Kumar in 2021. Kumar told her that he had good contact with government officials and could secure government jobs for her son and daughter. He assured her that her son would get a Second Division Assistant (SDA) post and her daughter a First Division Assistant (FDA) post through direct appointment within three months. In return, he demanded Rs 25 lakh for the FDA post and Rs 15 lakh for the SDA post. The woman and her husband paid the amount in installments even taking a loan from a cooperative bank in the city.

In April 2024, Kumar asked Bhagyamma's son Prashanth to meet him near the MS Building and gave him appointment letters, which, after verification, turned out to be fake. When Bhagyamma's family confronted Kumar and Deepa, they gave a cheque. However, when Bhagyamma tried to encash it, the cheque bounced. Later, when the family asked Kumar to return Rs 47 lakh, he threatened them.

The Nandini Layout police registered a case and are further investigating.

25 injured as private bus overturns in Ramanagara

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

MORE than 25 passengers were injured when a private bus ferrying them to a wedding overturned. The incident occurred in Madivala near Sangama of Kanakapura taluk in Ramanagara district, on Sunday morning.

Among the injured, two were grievously injured, five sustained fractures, and around 20 had minor injuries.

Police said that villagers from Tagadegowdana Doddi were heading to attend a wedding in Madivala, and about 40 people were present in the private bus. While negotiating a turn near Sangama around 9.30 am, the bus overturned. Passersby alerted the police, following which they rushed to the spot and shifted the injured to nearby hospitals with the help of villagers.

"In the accident, two people sustained serious injuries and five had fractures. About 20 others had minor injuries, while other passengers escaped unhurt. Passengers with minor injuries were treated as out patients, while those with serious injuries and fractures are undergoing treatment," the police said, adding that rash and negligent driving caused the accident.

The Sathanur police have registered a case.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, our Client **SRI. R RAJASHEKAR,** Son of Late D.Rajagopal is the sole and absolute owner of an Immovable Property bearing Site No.867 in Banaswadi, Binnamangala II Stage Extension, measuring East to West 9.14 Meters and North to South 12.19 Meters, now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, bearing PID No.72-4-867, old Ward No.72-Domlur, new Ward No.89-Jogupalya, which is more fully described herein and hereinafter referred to as SCHEDULE PROPERTY and the same is purchased by our client under a Registered Sale Deed dated 28.03.1998, registered as Document No.3085, Book No.1, Page Nos.90 to 92, Volume No.4060, registered, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar. Shivajinagara, Bengaluru. The owner asserting that the Original Sale Deed dated 28.03.1998, Possession Certificate, Allotment Letter and other relevant documents are lost or misplaced. Being aggrieved by the same a missing complaint is registered before the Jurisdictional Police in Lost Report No. 1018266/2024 on 17.10.2024.

Any person/s who claims any manner of right, title or interest of any nature or any enforceable right should lodge such claim or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents **within TEN days** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist in respect of Schedule Property and no claims will be entertained after expiry of time specified above.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of an Immovable Property bearing Site No.867 in Banaswadi, (Binnamangala II Stage Extension, measuring East to West 9.14 Meters and North to South 12.19 Meters, now comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, bearing PID No.72-4-867, old Ward No.72-Domlur, new Ward No.89-Jogupalya, together with all rights, appurtenance, whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

EAST BY: Site No.868, **WEST BY:** Site No.866,
NORTH BY: Road, **SOUTH BY:** Site No.874.

(FAYAZ SAB B.G) Advocate
#220, First Floor, 6th Cross, 'A' Street,
Ananda Rao Extension, Gandhinagar,
BENGALURU-560 009. Mobile No.98450 45797

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the Sale Deed dated 29.09.1980 executed by Smt.Venkatamma W/o.Late.Byyanna in favour of Sri.Mohanbhat S/o.Manjunathabhat in respect of Survey No.48, measuring 1.1 Guntas, Situated at Mahadevapura Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, bearing Document No.6607/1980-81, of Book-I, volume No.1586, at pages 121-123, Registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore South Taluk. has been lost/misplaced:

All persons are hereby informed not deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of missing document. On behalf of the client Smt.K.Bharathi W/o. Sri.M.Krishnamurthy, (Present owner of the above mentioned property), the undersigned Advocate hereby invites claims or objections, if any. In case of any claims or objections kindly intimate the undersigned Advocate in writing to the below mentioned address within 10 days from this present. In absence of any claim within the stipulated time, it shall be deemed that above said property has no claim by virtue of lost sale deeds.

Place: Bangalore **Date:** 19.10.2024
M. Kalashree Advocate
No.29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout,
Bhoopasandra, Bangalore-560094.

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II AT BANGALORE
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru 560001

Original Application No. 49/2023

BETWEEN: CANARA BANK,
Manipal Branch ...APPLICANT
AND
Sri SANDEEP S & ANOTHER
...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

To,
D2) Sri RAHUL B.N.
S/o. Nagaraj B.N,
Residing at:
8th Cross, RBI Main road,
Om Shivashakti Nagar, Cauvery Nagara,
BSK 2nd Stage Banashankari,
Bengaluru-560070

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted an application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendant you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 66,23,307/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Seven only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant is therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 21.11.2024 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in default of, your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this **20.07.2024.**

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BANGALORE-560001

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that, I Mrs. Fathima Talha, W/o. Mohammed Tahir Shariff, lost the Original Sale Deed registered as Document No.BSK-1-07889-2020-21, CD. No. BSKD962, dated 28.12.2020 before Sub-registrar Basavanagudi (Banashankari), Bengaluru, executed between me and B.K.Prasad, S/o. T.Prasad, have been misplaced and not traceable yet. The report of the same has been lodged through online Karnataka State Police Portal on 15/10/2024 vide Lost Report No.1288464/2024.

It is brought to the notice of general public that, if anybody found the said document, kindly inform Smt. Fathima Talha, W/o. Mohammed Tahir Shariff, Residing at Flat No.TF6, Majestic Garden Apartment, Phase - 2, Off Kanakapura Road, Behind Metro Cash and Carry, Konanakunte Post, Bengaluru-560 111, Mobile No.9886393277. I am the hole and sole owner of the below mentioned schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ITEM No.1: All that piece and parcel of Immoveable Residential property bearing Vacant Site No.94, Khata No.479, E-Khata (11B) VIZ Ref.ID.No.150200100400904850, in the BMRDA approved layout named as 'DAYAL'S RESIDENCY', formed in converted Sy.No.182 (Duly converted for non-agricultural residential use as per the order Dated:05.07.2006, vide conversion order Ref.No.ALN(A)SR-49/2005-06, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru) as per the BMRDA approval Dated:14.06.2006, under BMRDA approval Ref.No.BMRDA/LAO/30:2006-07, situated at Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District and it measures an extent of East to West: 50 feet, North to South:25 feet, in an all 1250 Sq.feet and bounded on as follows:

East by: Road, West by: Site No.99, North by: Site No 93, South by: Site No 95.

ITEM No.2: All that piece and parcel of Immoveable Residential property bearing Vacant Site No.95, Khata No.479, E-Khata (11B) VIZ Ref.ID.No.150200100400904850, in the BMRDA approved layout named as 'DAYAL'S RESIDENCY', formed in converted Sy.No.182(Duly converted for non-agricultural residential use as per the order Dated:05.07.2006, vide conversion order Ref.No.ALN(A)SR-49/2005-06, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru) as per the BMRDA approval Dated:14.06.2006, under BMRDA approval Ref.No.BMRDA/LAO/30:2006-07, situated at Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District and it measures an extent of East to West: 50 feet, North to South:25 feet, in an all 1250 Sq.feet and bounded on as follows:

East by: Road, West by: Site No.98, North by: Site No 94, South by: Site No 96.

Sd/- **Smt. Fathima Talha**
Place: Bangalore Date: 18.10.2024

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

Applications are invited for two posts of **Technical Member (State)** in the State Benches of Goods & Service Tax Appellate Tribunal, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Eligibility

1) Technical Member (State) : Serving or retired officers of All India Services or specified Officers of State Government not below the rank of Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes with at least 25 years of experience in Group A or equivalent with at least 3 years of experience in indirect taxes or finance and tax in State Government.
2) Minimum age to apply is 50 years (as on last date of application).
3) Pay is ₹ 225,000 (fixed) per month. All other allowances and other terms and conditions of service (DA, Medical etc.) shall be the same as applicable to the Central Government officers carrying the same pay (presently an officer at Pay Level 17).
4) Further details regarding eligibility and other terms and conditions are available on the website of Department of **Finance: https://finance.karnataka.gov.in/.**
5) Application may be submitted online in the link provided in the website **https://gstn.org.in/gstat-state-application/#/home.** The same can be submitted from 21-10-2024. The application, complete in all respects along with relevant attachments, may be submitted before **5:00 PM on 20-11-2024.**

Sd/-
Under Secretary to the Government,
Finance Department

DIPR/CP/2634/Zen/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client's **Sri. M. Papaiah and Smt. Mahalakshmi** residing at Ramasagara Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District intends to purchase and/or develop the properties described in the schedule hereunder from the owner and seller. 1) Sri. Nagaraju 2) Sri. Harish 3) Sri. Manjunath 4) Smt. Mangala, 5) Sri. Girish are the children of Late Venkateshappa residing at Kencha muniyammana Street, Anekal Town, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Land granted in nature of LRF 7A 10.11.287:1998-1999, 82:1999-2000 to Sri. Venkateshappa S/o Ramaiah. Any person/s firms, societies, institutions (Corporate or otherwise) claiming to have any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand in, or to the schedule properties and/or any part thereof, by way of sale, agreement, exchange, gift, grant, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/settlement, encumbrance, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, maintenance, development rights order/decree/judgement of any Court/Statutory Authority, agreement, understanding or otherwise howsoever, to the schedule properties is required to intimate the same in writing together with true copies of all documentary proof in support thereof, to the undersigned, at the address given below, within Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our client shall proceed ahead to purchase the schedule properties and no further claims in respect of the schedule properties would be considered any time thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the below detailed land parcels of Sy.No. 210 measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 39 Guntas and Sy.No. 211 measuring to an extent of 2 Acre 4 Guntas including 17 Guntas of A Kharab granted in nature of LRF 7A 10.11.287:1998-1999, 82:1999-2000 to Sri. Venkateshappa S/o Ramaiah., all situated at Bideragere village Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban and bounded by:

Sl.No.	Sy Nos of Bideragere Village	Land Area	Boundaries
1.	210	01 Acre 39 Guntas	**East:** property belongs to Murugeshappa temple and Property of Thoti Inam **West:** Eucalytus Trees and Road, and also Properties of Raghunath Reddy & Munireddy **North:** Sy No. 93 and Property belongs to Krishnappa **South:** Sy No. 201, Sy No.208 Sy No.209 and property of Krishna reddy
2.	211	02 Acre 04 Guntas	

Mr. R. KESHAVA REDDY, Advocate.
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1. Aggregate Amount : Total Rs. 4000 Crore (11 Year Tenure)
2. Method of Issue : By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)
3. Date of auction : October 22, 2024

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

DIPR/DD-C.P/2571/KSMCA/2024-25

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
HEAD OFFICE: 10-152/1, SRI SAI TOWERS, BANDAR ROAD KANURU, VIJAYAWADA-520007

Lr.No.Mktg.M6/RG Dall/Tenders/2024 **SHORT TENDER NOTICE** Date:20.10.2024

BIDS ARE INVITED FROM THE ELIGIBLE BIDDERS FOR SUPPLY OF 26,538 MTs (± 25%) OF RG DALL IN 1 KG PACKET FORM WITH SECONDARY PACKING IN 50 KG PP BAGS TO ALL THE 251 MLS POINTS OF APSCSCL IN TWENTY SIX(26) DISTRICTS ACROSS THE ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER PDS /ICDS/ THR SCHEMES THROUGH NCDEX E-MARKETS LIMITED (NEML) AUCTION PLATFORM.

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited invites bids from eligible bidders for supply of 26,538 MTs (± 25%) RG Dall in 1KG packet form with secondary packaging in 50 Kg PP bags under PDS/ICDS/THR schemes to 251 MLS points in twenty six (26) Districts in Andhra Pradesh State.

All the interested Suppliers/Contractors in All Over India may visit **www.apscscl.in** & **www.neml.in** to view and download tender documents free of cost.

Interested bidders need to register in portal as vendor i.e., in NCDEX e Markets Limited for Supply. Contact Tel: 9962059599 or 9032429420 or 9885549722 and Email: **askus@neml.in**

Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to **28.10.2024 up to 5 PM** and the tentative date of online e-reverse auction through NCDEX e Markets Limited platform would be **30.10.2024, 10:00 AM** onwards.

Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER - (2ND CALL)
(Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites Tenders from registered Agencies for the following Works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
1	(South -1)	BWSSB/EES-1/AE/TO/1988/2024-25 Dated: 15-10-2024 (Reserved for ST Category)	Rs. 99,49,659/- / Rs. 99,500/-	04-11-2024 Upto 4.00 PM	06-11-2024 After 4.00 PM
2		BWSSB/EES-1/AE/TO/1989/2024-25 Dated: 15-10-2024	Rs. 51,83,861/- / Rs. 1,03,700/-		
3		BWSSB/EES-1/AE/TO/1990/2024-25 Dated: 15-10-2024	Rs. 99,63,302/- / Rs. 1,99,300/-		
4		BWSSB/EES-1/AE/TO/1991/2024-25 Dated: 15-10-2024	Rs. 88,62,990/- / Rs. 1,77,300/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-1)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details contact the above signed office during working hours. DIPR/CP/Advertis/2620/2024-25

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IT'S TIME TO TAKE CONTROL

Excessive social media usage is leading to mental health issues, and has impacted social skills and communication, warn experts

AKNISREE KARTHIK

WHILE many of us spend significant time on social media and look at it as a medium to relieve stress and get connected with others, mental experts, including the Surgeon General of United States Dr Vivek Murthy, have raised red flags on social media usage.

Experts warn that excessive social media usage is leading to mental health issues, especially among teens, who spend three or more hours a day on social media and are twice as likely to experience symptoms of anxiety and depression. They stressed that addressing the issue now is essential.

Dr Vivek Murthy, who was in Bengaluru recently, pointed out that young people often confess to feeling disconnected, even when they are surrounded by others physically on campus or through social media. "Being connected online does not always translate into meaningful relationships where one can truly be themselves," Dr Murthy said. He highlighted that one challenge is how social media has fundamentally altered how people communicate and relate to each other.

He stated that over time, social media has made face-to-face communication more uncomfortable, and young people may not develop the necessary social skills to engage with others or form new relationships. Dr Vivek Murthy emphasized that this digital shift has weakened our "social muscle", which like any muscle, gets weaker if not used, and strong-er with regular practice.

Raising concerns about the negative effects of social media on adolescents, Dr Murthy said teens who spend three or more hours a day on social media are twice as likely to experience symptoms of anxiety and depression. "Due to social media, nearly 50 per cent of adolescents feel bad about their body image. A third of adolescent girls say they feel addicted to social media," the US Surgeon General said, adding that many teens also stay up past midnight on school nights, using social media.

Social media a double-edged sword

Senior psychologist and executive director, Cadabams Hospitals, Neha Cadabam termed that 'social media' can be a double-edged sword when it comes to mental health.

"On the one hand, it allows for connectivity and community building. However, excessive use often leads to unhealthy comparisons, anxiety, and distorted self-perception. Continuous exposure to carefully curated images of success, beauty and lifestyle can create feelings of inadequacy, increasing stress, anxiety, and even depression. Social media can also disrupt sleep patterns, reduce focus and attention, and promote a sedentary lifestyle, all of which contribute to poor mental health outcomes. The compulsive checking of notifications can lead to addiction-like symptoms, where individuals struggle to disconnect, further impacting emotional well-being," she explained.

Dr Vidhya Jothi N, consultant psychiatrist, TriLife Hospital, said, "There are different strengths and vulnerabilities that may predispose individuals using social media to engage in maladaptive behaviours, which can lead to mental health problems. Every individual has a different relationship with social media. Many overindulging in social media have been experiencing an increase in anxiety, body image concerns, loneliness, fear of missing out and sleep disturbances. Social media use becomes problematic when one has an increasing urge to use it or is not able to cut down on usage."

Connected, but feeling lonely

Explaining why, despite being connected on social media, users feel lonely and isolated, Dr Vidhya said, "Human beings are social animals, we thrive being among other people and in society. When we limit ourselves to social media, it takes away time spent in face-to-face interactions, which is important in building relationships with others. The absence of physically being present can lead to feelings of being left out and isolated."

The illusion of connection on social media can actually intensify feelings of loneliness. Online interactions are often surface-level, lacking the emotional depth and non-verbal communication that come with face-to-face interactions. This leads to a sense of emotional disconnect. Moreover, people tend to present only the best aspects of their lives on social media, creating an unrealistic portrayal of happiness and success, which can leave others feeling even more isolated in their struggles. Social media also fosters a 'Fear Of Missing Out' (FOMO), where people feel left out or inadequate, compounding their loneliness, Neha said.

On how to identify if a family member or friend is battling loneliness, Dr Vidhya said, "Changes in their behaviour can be the first sign to look out for when someone is battling loneliness. When the person is showing signs of spending a lot of time alone, unproductivity, sudden displays of negativity, signs of being sick or ill, indicates the person is feeling lonely."

BIG PICTURE

Govt's critical role

The government has a critical role to play in improving mental health infrastructure. This includes making mental health services more accessible, affordable and widespread. Including mental health education in school curriculum is essential. Teaching children about emotional regulation, resilience and coping mechanisms from an early age can reduce the incidence of mental health issues later in life. This can also help reduce stigma by fostering a generation that sees mental health as a normal part of well-being, Neha explained.

Dr Vidhya pointed out that it is important for people to be aware of the signs and symptoms of what they're feeling, and are able to speak and understand their own minds with a professional, or with someone they trust their feelings with, who can help improve their mental health significantly. She too batted for government regulations to safeguard mental health in India, and said personal discipline with respect to social media use is the need of the hour. "Our curriculum should include the importance of mental health, and the need to reach for professional help when required," Dr Vidhya said.

Take control of social media engagement

It's important to remember that social media isn't inherently harmful, but like any tool, its impact depends on how it's used. While we can't eliminate social media from our lives, we can take control of how we engage with it. Prioritizing real-world connections, being mindful of how we spend our time online, and addressing the emotional triggers behind excessive usage can help create a healthier balance between the virtual and real worlds. Additionally, encouraging people to seek professional help when needed can prevent deeper mental health issues from developing, Neha said.

Stating that it's important to understand that transformation begins at home, Dr Vidhya said, "Every parent or guardian must create an environment that models healthy social media habits. Adolescents often mirror what they see in their home. It is important to model heathy social media habits by creating a family change (eg. avoiding social media use during dinner time / while conversing with children). These help children develop their own healthy boundaries."

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

A day after Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje claimed that Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh was responsible for the missing MUDA files, the latter on Sunday alleged that she was behind the death of BJP leader and former CM BY Yediyurappa's wife Maithradevi

ARE YOU OVERUSING SOCIAL MEDIA?

It's crucial to reflect on how your time online impacts your mental state. If you feel anxious or dissatisfied after scrolling, it's time to reassess your usage.

IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA

SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE
Social media fosters a culture of comparison. Comparing oneself to the idealized versions of others on social platforms constantly, can erode confidence. Individuals often feel like they fall short compared to others, and this leads to lowered self-esteem and feelings of inadequacy. Seeing others achieve career, relationship, fitness milestones etc can make people question their own progress or worth.

LONELINESS AND DEPRESSION
Though social media connects people, it often leads to feelings of isolation. Online relationships lack the depth and emotional resonance of real-world interactions, leaving users feeling empty or dissatisfied.

SOCIAL MEDIA-WORTHY HOLIDAYS Teens often feel pressured to go on "social media-worthy" holidays, focusing more on capturing the perfect photo than actually enjoying the moment. This need to portray an idealized version of life detracts from authentic experiences.

Time management issues: When you find it hard to limit your time on social media, even when you know it's affecting your daily responsibilities

Anxiety when away from phone: Being unable to check your phone can cause feelings of anxiety or restlessness

Neglecting real-life interactions: When virtual connections start replacing real-world relationships, and you prioritize social media over in-person activities

Mood dependency If your mood heavily depends on the engagement (likes, comments), or you experience withdrawal symptoms when unable to check social media

Increased irritability: Overuse can lead to irritability, and many people develop the habit of mindlessly tapping on objects, much like they would on their phone

Sleep disturbance: If you're staying up late or waking up during the night to check your phone, it indicates an unhealthy attachment to social media

SPOT THE PERSON BATTLING LONELINESS

Identifying loneliness in someone can be challenging because it's often hidden. However, common signs include:

Withdrawal
If someone begins avoiding social gatherings or stops engaging in activities they once enjoyed

Mood changes
Unexplained mood swings, irritability or sadness

Excessive scrolling and binge-watching
Someone who engages in excessive social media scrolling or binge-watching might be trying to fill a void created by loneliness

Sleep disturbance
Loneliness is often accompanied by troubled sleep, either due to racing thoughts or excessive late-night social media use

Empty feeling
Loneliness may manifest as a persistent feeling of emptiness, even when surrounded by people or immersed in distractions

BALANCING SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE

Set time limits
Use app timers or schedule to control use

Engage mindfully
Instead of mindless scrolling, focus on meaningful interactions. Make an effort to follow accounts that uplift and inspire, rather than those that trigger negative emotions

Digital detox
Take regular breaks from social media, even if it's just for a day or weekend, to reconnect with the real world

Prioritize real-life connections
Make time for face-to-face interactions, whether with family, friends or through group activities

BRUSHING UP

Artist Krishna Shetty displays his work at the Art Park at Gandhi Bhavan in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Groups to organise meets in shadow of caste report

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THE OBC Federation of India will host a convention on Monday to highlight the educational, economic, occupational and political challenges faced by the marginalised communities of South India. OBC leaders, like former minister PGR Scindia and MLC Adagur H Vishwanath, will participate in the convention.

This comes in the backdrop of the ongoing debate over the Backward Classes Commission's caste census report. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is expected to discuss the report in the cabinet meeting on Thursday, while the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha, which has slammed the report as "ten-year-old and unscientific", has scheduled a high-level meeting on Tuesday to discuss its ramifications. Both the powerful Vokkaliga and Lingayat communities have voiced strong opposition to the report, calling it deeply "flawed and unscientific".

Adding to this is the Mandal Commission report, which will be a focal point of the OBC convention. The social justice vision of late chief minister D Devaraj Urs and the ongoing struggle of under-represented communities will also take centerstage as the convention seeks to highlight future challenges and solutions.

The event will precede the Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha's meeting, during which the dominant Lingayat community, led by MLA Shamanur Shivashankarappa, will deliberate on the potential impact of implementing the report.

NOV 13 BYPOLLS

Cong as ruling party may have edge, but all depends on tactics

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CONGRESS, being the ruling party, has an edge over the opposition BJP-JDS alliance in the November 13 bypolls to Channapatna, Shiggaon and Sandur Assembly constituencies, but it all depends on the choice of candidates and the strategy.

Going by the data from this year's Lok Sabha elections, the grand old party has improved its votebase by garnering over 85,000 votes against BJP-JDS alliance's 1.25 lakh votes.

With Channapatna, if BJP MLC CP Yogeshwara is denied the NDA ticket and he decides to contest as an independent, the triangular fight could help Congress romp home. Leaders from both BJP and JDS have realised this and are trying to convince Yogeshwara to adhere to the NDA pact, even if the ticket is denied to him.

In any bypoll, the ruling party has an advantage and voters too bless such candidates eyeing development work in their constituency, a political analyst said. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who has a personal interest in the Channapatna constituency, it being close to his home turf, announced development projects worth over Rs 500 crore ahead of the Election Commission declaring the elections.

In Shiggaon, Congress had taken an 8,500-vote lead against BJP in the Lok Sabha election. The polarisation of AHINDA votes had helped then. This time, BJP is fielding former chief minister and Haveri MP Basavaraj Bommai's son Bharat, a Veerashaiva Lingayat, and hopes to get Hindu votes polarised in his favour.

If Congress fields either a Veerashaiva Lingayat or candidate from any other Hindu community, there would be a tough fight. If it chooses a minority candidate, BJP is likely to have an edge, a Congress leader, who is a Veerashaiva Lingayat in Haveri, told TNIE. He also expressed his skepticism over "adjustment" politics, where Congress leaders could pick a 'dummy' candidate to help Bharat. "If Shivakumar takes it as a prestige issue, we can win Haveri," he remarked.

In Sandur, either MP E Tukaram's wife E Annapoorna or daughter Souparnika could be the candidate. Despite factors like anti-incumbency and groupism within the local Congress unit, the family candidate could have an edge as BJP candidate Bangara Hanumanta is a relative novice. This constituency is Congress' stronghold as it has won the seat 14 times and Tukaram four times consecutively. The vote bank of AHINDA communities is an added advantage and CM Siddaramaiah's prestige will be at stake.

CM, DCM chalk out strategy with cabinet colleagues

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar on Sunday held a crucial meeting with their cabinet colleagues to chalk out a strategy for the November 13 bypolls to Channapatna, Shiggaon and Sandur Assembly constituencies. They also expressed apprehension about the BJP misusing central investigation agencies during the electioneering. "Until the bypolls are over, the abuse of central investigative agencies will continue to increase as chances of our party candidates winning in all three constituencies are high," they said. The meeting resolved to go to the polls full throttle by countering the BJP's propoganda. "Their lies should be exposed. During every election, BJP leaders resort to spreading misinformation and outright lies. These claims must be fact-checked and addressed in front of the public. ENS

Pressure on me to contest bypolls, says DK Suresh

Bengaluru: Former MP DK Suresh said there is pressure on him from party workers to contest the bypolls from Channapatna Assembly constituency. "I am ready for whatever decision is taken by the AICC president and party leaders. The party is expected to finalise the candidate's name in the next two to three days," he said. ENS

HDK, DKS gameplan for Channapatna hinges on Yogeshwara's move

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WITH prestige at stake for both DCM and Congress state president DK Shivakumar and Union Minister and JDS state chief HD Kumaraswamy in the Channapatna bypoll, the decision to select their respective party candidates has become a tricky affair.

The standoff over the selection of an NDA candidate continued with BJP MLC CP Yogeshwara dead set on contesting on a BJP ticket or as an independent, even though Kumaraswamy offered him a chance to enter the fray on the JDS symbol. The BJP high command, which has allowed its ally JDS to contest from the set, has left the decision on the candidature to Kumaraswamy. BJP parliamentary board member BS Yediyurappa stressed that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had also clarified that Channapatna is a JDS seat.

In Mandya on Sunday, Kumaraswamy hinted at the JDS offer to Yogeshwara, citing that in the Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha seat, his brother-in-law Dr CN Manjunath had contested from BJP and won the seat. "Yogeshwara threw away the opportunity and now Kumaraswamy is likely to spring a surprise as his party's interest is foremost. Regardless of the outcome, Kumaraswamy will field a person who is loyal to the party," a JDS leader said. Kumaraswamy is meeting BJP leaders in New Delhi on Monday to discuss the issue, he added.

Kumaraswamy has also realised that only if BJP and JDS work together can the alliance defeat the Congress candidate. But if it turns out to be a triangular fight, the seat could slip out of NDA's hand, the JDS leader said. That is the reason Kumaraswamy's son Nikhil, who tasted defeat in two back-to-back polls, has got cold feet, he added.

The Congress leadership too is in a similar situation as Shivakumar's brother DK Suresh faced a humiliating defeat in the Bengaluru Rural LS seat. If Yogeshwara contests as an independent, Suresh may take a chance to contest the bypoll or Congress may consider fielding Raghunandan Ramanna.

Raghunandan unsuccessfully contested the 2011 bypoll and polled 12,687 votes.

Stating that a rift has started developing between DMK and its allies, AIADMK general secretary and former TN CM Edappadi K Palaniswami said DMK's allies have begun opposing the party, fearing that they would lose their influence over their cadre, if they continue to support DMK's mistakes

SONIA GANDHI TO CAMPAIGN FOR DAUGHTER PRIYANKA IN WAYANAD

Rahul, Sonia to accompany her while filing nomination on Oct 23

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FORMER AICC president Sonia Gandhi will campaign of her daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is making her electoral debut in the Wayanad Lok Sabha by-election. Priyanka will be joined by her brother Rahul Gandhi and Sonia on October 23, when the Congress candidate will file her nomination papers. The trio will be part of a roadshow in Kalpetta earlier the same day.

This will be Sonia's first visit to Kerala in many years. She last campaigned in the state 10 years ago, for the 2014 Lok Sabha election. Sonia had then chaired a special convention of the party's state unit and held discussions with the local leadership on grassroots-level strategies. Despite subsequent invitations by the KPCC leadership, concerns over her health always stood in the way. But, Priyanka's election foray proved a deciding factor this time round.

Congress workers in Wayanad are enthused by the prospect of having all three for the campaign. According to the local leadership, Priyanka will stay in Wayanad for 10 days after submitting her nomination papers. "The schedule of Priyanka's visit is yet to be confirmed. The presence of Rahul and Sonia will energise party workers as well as the people of Wayanad who are going through a tough time after the landslide," Wayanad party president N D Appachan said.

Campaigning has already started in the assembly segments. Leader of Opposition V D Satheesan and KPCC chief K Sudhakaran are also active with UDF conventions in the constituency.

The Wayanad bypoll was necessitated after Rahul resigned from the seat in favour of Rae Bareli after this year's General Election win in both constituencies. In the 2019 LS election, Rahul won Wayanad by a margin of 4,31,770 votes. This, however, declined to 3.64 lakh this year. The UDF is confident of increasing the margin to over 5 lakh in the bypoll.

Meanwhile, the NDA candidate Navya Haridas, will hold a roadshow in Kalpetta on Monday. The LDF has fielded Sathyan Mokeri of the CPI.

Dog squad in action on the premises of Sambra airport in Belagavi on Sunday

Belagavi's Sambra Airport gets threat mail

BELAGAVI: Belagavi's Sambra airport received a bomb threat via an email on Sunday, prompting intense security check on the premises. The threat was later declared a hoax. The email was sent to the airport director. DCP Rohan Jagadeesh confirmed that a hoax mail was received regarding a threat to Belagavi airport, and that the entire airport has been vetted properly. "Nothing has been found. The email was a hoax. Investigation to ascertain the sender's identity is underway," he said.

3 flights in K'taka receive hoax bomb threats

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TWO flights — one arriving at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) and one departing — received hoax threat calls on Sunday, said sources. Security checks were carried out and calls were declared a hoax.

According to an informed source, one of them was an Alliance Air flight (AI 528) that departed from Vidyanagar (Jindal Vijayanagara Airport) in Toranagallu. "We received news around 1.15 pm from the Bengaluru airport about a bomb being placed on AI 528. The flight with 46 passengers was just about to land at KIA," the source added.

Soon after it landed at Terminal 2 of KIA, dog squad and bomb squad personnel were pressed into service. "All security protocols were followed. We confirmed it as hoax. The flight had to return to Vidyanagar and it departed quite late," the source added.

Airport sources in Bengaluru confirmed the incident. A top police official also said that an IndiGo flight taking off from Bengaluru to Delhi too received a hoax call. "The airline authorities assessed the impact and decided it was a non-specific call and not a serious one. They told us they preferred not to file a complaint," the police said.

Meanwhile, an FIR has been registered at the KIA police station on a complaint filed by KIA Duty Manager of Akasa Air, Haribabu Bandi, on a threat the airline received through platform 'X' about explosives placed onboard a flight (QP 1373) that departed from Bagdogra airport in Siliguri and landed in Bengaluru on October 15. A case has been booked against @schizobomber777 for this message to Akasa Air: "You will all die, alert police." The FIR has been booked under Sections 125, 351 (4), 353 (1) (B) of BNS Act 2023.

Meanwhile, there was a message widely circulated on social media that the Bengaluru Airport Command Centre has received news about 12 bombers on six IndiGo flights. A source from Bengaluru airport billed the message as "false news".

An airport source also said that a bomb threat was also received for the Mangaluru to Dubai flight (IX 383) on Sunday. "We received the threat at 12.55 pm. It turned out to be a hoax," he added.

AC coach blankets are dirty: Railways' RTI reply confirms the ugly truth

JOSE K JOSEPH @ Tiruchy

INDIAN Railways is regularly conducting many cleanliness awareness drives in stations and other places. But the same administration hardly practices hygiene measures for blankets distributed to its AC Coach passengers.

This reporter interacted with about 20 housekeeping staff of various long-distance trains, and many of them said that the blankets are washed mostly once a month. However, they said that the pillow covers and bedsheets are washed after every trip. Thus, this reporter filed an RTI with the Ministry of Railways (MoR), and they admitted these facts shared by their ground team. "Linen provided to passengers during train journey is washed in laundries/washing facilities after single use, and the blankets are to be washed at least once in a month, preferably twice in a month, subject to the available capacity and logistics arrangements," said Rishu Gupta, Section Officer-Environment and Housekeeping Management (EnHM) of the Ministry of Railways in its RTI response. Here, linen means bedsheets and pillow covers. The response received to this reporter also confirmed that Jasbir Singh, Deputy Director, and Central Public Information EnHM have also gone through these queries.

To a query regarding whether the Railways is collecting fees from passengers for blankets, bedsheets and pillow cover, the Railways said in the RTI response, "It's all part of the train fare package. In trains like Garib Rath, Duronto, the bedroll can be obtained after paying an additional amount for each kit after opting for the option of bedroll while booking the tickets." When enquired with housekeeping staff of trains, they shared the ugly truth behind it. "After every trip, we will keep the bedsheets and pillow covers in bundles for giving it to laundry service. But, in the case of blankets, we would fold it back in a neat manner and keep it in the coach. We would give it for laundry service only if we sense any foul smell or notice food on it," a housekeeping staff said.

Another housekeeping staff, "There is no guarantee that the blankets are washed twice a month. In most cases, we would give the blankets for washing only if we noticed a foul smell, wetness, vomit, etc. In certain cases, we would immediately ensure a clean blanket if the passenger raised some complaints."

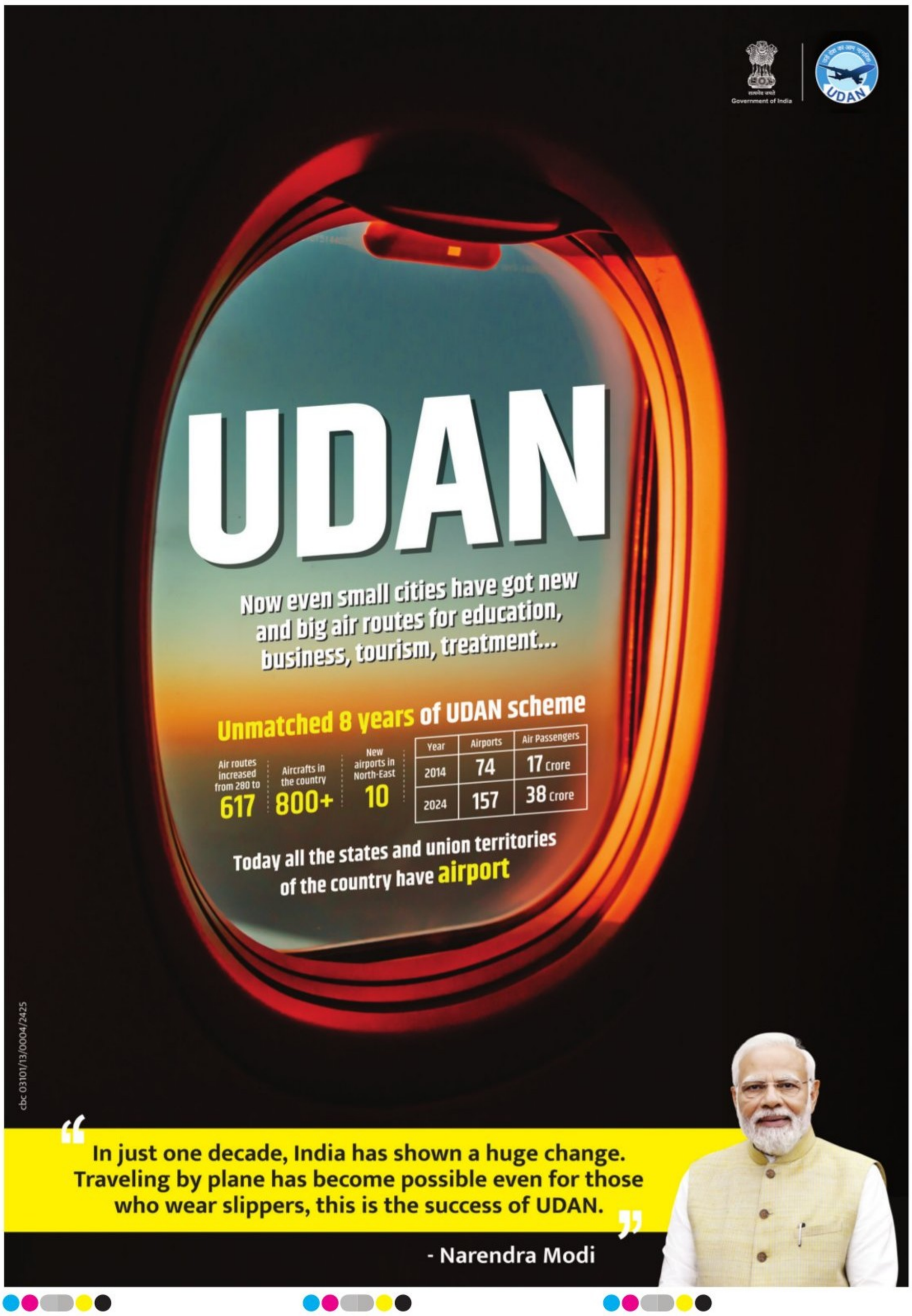
EXPRESS READ

MLC bypoll to Dakshina Kannada Local Authorities constituency today

MANGALURU: BJP and Congress are locked in a straight fight for the Karnataka Legislative Council bypoll from Dakshina Kannada Local Authorities constituency for which the polling will be held on Monday. This is the first election taking place in the state after the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government came under fire from the opposition over MUDA and Valmiki scams. The Congress has strategically picked Raju Poojary who is from Udupi district and belongs to the numerically strong Billava community against BJP's Kishor Kumar Puttur who belongs to a backward community with a strong backing from the RSS and its affiliates.
The counting of votes will be on October 24. **ENS**

Kannada-Tamil Unity meet resolves to support K'taka in inter-state rows

BENGALURU: A total of 35 decisions were taken in the Kannadigas and Tamilians Unity Cultural Conference, including supporting the Karnataka government in protecting the rights of Karnataka, especially language, land, water, and borders. They also took a decision to support Karnataka's rights in issues like Cauvery and Mahadayi water sharing, Mekedatu project and the Belagavi border issue. The meet was organised by Mathru Bhasha Okkoota on Sunday. Former CM BS Yediyurappa said Kannadigas and Tamils both belong to the Dravida clan and there is no difference between them. He recalled how he completed installation of Thiruvalluvar statue at Ulsoor and poet and philosopher Sarvajna in Chennai by speaking to the then TN CM Karunanidhi and said it created a sense of brotherhood between Kannadigas and Tamils. **ENS**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- Narendra Modi

EDITORIAL

People who ask us when we will hold talks with Pakistan are perhaps not aware that over the last 55 years, every initiative for a dialogue with Pakistan has invariably come from India

Atal Bihari Vajpayee

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— Ramnath Goenka

TRUDEAU'S PATHETIC POSTURING WITHOUT PROOF IS SHOWING

BY framing the Hardeep Singh Nijjar murder last year as an infringement on national sovereignty by Indian state actors—without proper contextualisation—and making bilateral diplomatic ties hostage to its resolution, Canadian PM Justin Trudeau appears to have sunk further in the quicksand of perception. With his government already reduced to a lame duck minority ahead of general elections next year, knives are out within his party as they see him as a liability. Though Khalistani radical Nijjar had a long criminal record and was wanted in many terror cases in India, Canada let him function freely using the fig leaf of free speech. Opposition leader Maxime Bernier called Trudeau out by dispelling the myth that Nijjar was Canadian. He said he was essentially a foreign terrorist who used fraudulent documents for asylum several times and was somehow granted citizenship in 2007.

When Trudeau first brought it up before PM Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Delhi, he had no proof, just intelligence inputs. India sought evidence but wasn't provided any. If there has been any forward movement in building a legally tenable case, it has neither been disclosed to India nor the Canadian opposition. Neither is the trial court aware of it. Five adjournments sought from the court by the prosecution since May 15 suggest lack of confidence in the case passing judicial muster. Contrast this with the clinical approach of US law enforcement in dealing with an alleged murder-for-hire attempt to eliminate another Khalistani radical Gurpatwant Singh Pannun on American soil. It pieced together evidence and got reciprocal cooperation. Since the US had the wisdom to compartmentalise the matter, bilateral relations are blossoming.

Matters came to a head last week after Canada sought the questioning of diplomats at the Indian mission there after accusing them of collecting clandestine information about radicals on its soil and harming them through gangs like those run by jailed Lawrence Bishnoi. With the furious Indian foreign office telling its counterparts to take a hike, both sides expelled six diplomats each. India went to unusual lengths of attributing it to Trudeau's myopic vote bank politics. Lowlifes get a lifeline when two mature democracies bicker. Trudeau can reflect on it if and when Canadians call time on his unpopular reign.

URBAN FLOODING CALLS FOR SYSTEMIC SOLUTIONS

A recent 'landslide' and 'waterfall' at a deep excavation site in Bengaluru, where an ambitious skyscraper is due to come up, has become the subject matter of much social media mockery and a political slugfest. It is this image that appears to signify all the IT City has become—a flooded mess where residents struggle to save homes inundated with sewage water, salvage ruined vehicles in basements, where tractors rescue schoolchildren on waterlogged roads, and people are considering selling their dream homes and leaving. The trail of destruction left by two days of continuous rain has battered the glitzy image of 'Brand Bengaluru' and become fodder for politicians who are pointing fingers at each other: the opposition BJP-JDS is poking fun at the Congress for failing the city, while the ruling party is blaming the previous regime. Ministers are pointing to London, New York, and Dubai being similarly inundated during flash floods. Home Minister G Parameshwara said "we cannot send the rain back into the sky", while Deputy CM D K Shivakumar claimed "it is not possible to control nature".

No doubt, urban flooding is a global phenomenon, with the Chennai and Mumbai disasters still fresh in memory. But this is not the time for politicking -- when citizens are in distress, and marooned without basic facilities like clean water and electricity, the political classes should help mitigate their woes. What has brought Bengaluru to such a sorry pass is a combination of poor planning, a realty boom, and complete disregard for the city's natural topography. The role of political and civic authorities in the wanton destruction of the lake ecosystem is beyond doubt; wetlands have been acquired and tech parks built on them, blocking the water flow. Layouts have mushroomed around them and got the stamp of legality from the civic authorities. It is no wonder the city is inundated. There are other causes, too: drains blocked with plastic and garbage, encroached storm water drains, and untrammelled concretisation.

For a couple of decades, even as Bengaluru's infrastructure has been groaning under sudden growth and a population influx, politicians have held up mirages of a future Singapore, the latest being tunnel roads connecting the far corners of the city. No doubt, there has been much progress by way of connectivity and such aspirations are healthy, but when the city barely stays afloat during rain and subways have seen drownings, it would be wise for our leaders and city planners to first set ills right.

QUICK TAKE

GOING FARTHER TOGETHER

ONE of the exciting milestones reported at last week's International Aeronautical Congress in Milan was the progress made on the Artemis Accords. Named after the powerful Artemis I rocket that shot off for the moon in 2022, this global agreement is about as wide cooperation in space exploration as possible. Some 45 countries have signed on, the Congress delagates were told, including a dozen this year; India had signed on last year. The more countries come aboard, the better and more equitable future space projects are likely be. "We go together"—the simple yet profound promise made by Bill Nelson, the head of Nasa, should be the guiding spirit.

The growing Chinese presence in Pakistan is poised to take on an even larger footprint. This in itself must spur India into taking a fresh look at ties with its western neighbour

NAWAZ'S LAST SHY AT PEACE WITH INDIA

NEENA GOPAL

Foreign policy analyst

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WHILE Pakistan's leafy Lahore suburb of Jati Umra saw former prime minister Nawaz Sharif play host to select members of the Indian media accompanying Indian foreign minister S Jaishankar's landmark appearance at the Shanghai Cooperation Council meet, Chinese officials were reported to have met with a Baloch separatist leader in a quiet café in London. Balochi leaders refused to confirm or deny the meeting, with most saying it had no sanction.

This took place days after a Baloch suicide bomber rammed his vehicle into a convoy that killed three Chinese officials just outside Karachi International airport—a clear bid to derail the SCO meet. Chinese employees working on various projects on the Belt and Road Initiative and the China Pakistan Economic Corridor have also recently become the target of Baloch separatist ire. An increasingly concerned China—looking at ways to ensure its grand plan to connect the Central Asia states to the Arabian Sea through the key Pakistani port of Gwadar moves forward—has now offered to put boots on the ground and send its own security personnel to Pakistan.

The growing Chinese presence in Pakistan is poised to take on an even larger footprint. That factor alone must spur India, facing down the People's Liberation Army on its Northeastern border, into taking a fresh look at ties with its western neighbour.

Our equation with Pakistan has been on ice since India's cross-border attack in February 2019 on a Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist training camp in Balakot as retaliation for an attack on a CRPF convoy in Pulwama. Trade between India and Pakistan had been suspended after the Pulwama attack as well, with India imposing heavy duties on goods from Pakistan.

The Balakot strike helped Prime Minister Narendra Modi sweep the elections at home. But bilateral relations plummeted after the war of words that followed. There were visceral verbal attacks on Modi by former prime minister Imran Khan, who also rejected then Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa's attempts to reopen trade ties after the J&K bifurcation. This culminated in the expulsion of the high commissioners of both nations.

Although the 2021 truce signed by the two countries held up until the run-up to parliamentary polls in J&K, a series of terror attacks in Jammu resurrected the spectre of the blood and gore of old. The only difference was that it was concentrated in Hindu majority Jammu, not Army-centric Kashmir.

Which brings us to the curious lack of comment on the terror-free election campaign for the J&K assembly polls that recently concluded. Was Pakistan's Army unable to draw on its dwindling resources to derail the polls due to the multiple suicide attacks by the Baloch Liberation Army and the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Taliban on its outposts in the western border?

Insiders say the nation's Army was under pressure from Washington to hold off after the Jammu spiral. This could also be seen as a quiet signal to Delhi that the civilian-military establishment is rethinking the trade impasse that sent Pakistan's economy into a spiral.

As Pakistan's foremost proponent of peace with India, Nawaz Sharif's call for reopening trade was a plea for good sense to prevail. "Maybe my thinking is different from others, but I believe we are a potential market for each other. Why should Indian and Pakistani farmers and manufacturers go outside to sell their products?" he told Indian journalists from the plush offices of daughter Maryam Nawaz, the chief minister of Punjab. "Goods now go from Amritsar to Lahore via Dubai—what are we doing, who is benefitting from this? What should take two hours now takes two weeks."

The elder Sharif refused to be drawn into treacherous ground on addressing the current impasse over Kashmir. It is a matter he wisely chose to circle away from in the past when he reached out to then Indian prime minister I K Gujral in the Maldives on the sidelines of a South Asia summit. He did the same with former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who pulled off the historic Lahore visit aboard the maiden bus service between the two countries in 1999 that highlighted the prospect of peace.

But the question that engages the power trinity in Lahore today—Nawaz Sharif, the elder statesman; deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar; and Army Chief General Asim Munir—is, can there be a meeting of minds on Kashmir that allows Pakistan to move forward on trade and tourism, industry, and investment, creating a synergy on partnering in fields like IT and biotechnology? The sliver of optimism in the Pakistan pro-peace clique saw Ishaq Dar have an animated conversation with Jaishankar at a formal lunch.

India's abrogation of Article 370 is irrevocable as upheld by the Supreme Court in August 2023. But the apex court seemed open to an application by the Union territory regarding the restoration of its statehood. In fact, the new J&K Cabinet led by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah passed a resolution calling on the Union government to restore the region's statehood. Abdullah is to meet the PM sometime soon regarding the matter. The region seems to finally be moving towards continued peace.

Jaishankar's Pakistan visit, talked up as the first by any Indian foreign minister to the nation since 2015, amplified India's commitment to SCO. Jaishankar's reiteration of the 'good neighbours do not indulge in terror' is par for the course.

But living up to pre-summit speculation, Nawaz did not pass up the opportunity to bring up the reopening of the peace track, pitching for an India-Pakistan final in the Champions Trophy on Indian soil, saying he was willing to travel to India and watch the cricket game. The embattled General Asim Munir, tackling an unprecedented challenge from separatists within, knows that a hot border in the east and the west makes peace with India an imperative.

Bats over bullets; is this an ageing Nawaz Sharif's last and final shy at peace? And for the first time, this has happened with an army chief who will not do a Kargil as his *bete noire* president General Pervez Musharraf did.

(Views are personal)

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BEING NICER TO WOMEN AS A SOCIETY

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

WITH Sharad Navratri concluded, a number of thoughts about the condition of women in Hinduculture invariably spring to mind.

I will confine myself to looking at the cultural situation of the majority of Indian women, which is to say, women in Hindu culture of which I am personally a part. However, I will consciously stay away from discussing the noticeably difficult and far-from-enviable position of women in non-Hindu cultures in India, lest I be suspected of minority-baiting in these perilous times. Whereas, as a devout Hindu myself, I can claim to speak with belonging, ownership and reform-minded good intentions.

In the traditional Hindu mind, the Devi or prime goddess of Hindu theology is enthroned on a pedestal to be worshipped as the sacred feminine. The position of Devi or Shakti is thus greatly exalted. She is worshipped as the *Parashakti* or Supreme Power, as the *Jagadamba*, the Universal Mother who created the male gods and their feminine counterparts.

How does this translate *vis-a-vis* the situation of mortal women? The reality is that Indian tradition is known to discount mortal women unless they deliver the goods in their prescribed role as a service sector. In particular, the position of the respectably married woman is supreme in Hindu society. As in any other transactional relationship, this status comes at a price.

Drawn from preceding centuries, the wifely virtues were postulated by 16th century poet Goswami Tulsidas of Varanasi. They went out as advice for wives given to Sita by Rishi Atri's wife Anasuya: "Devotion of body, speech and mind to the feet of her lord, the husband, is the only duty, sacred vow and penance of a woman." This is found in the *Sri Ramacharitmanas, Aranya Kand, Verse Four*, a book of pervasive and lasting influence across North India.

This job description was already detailed in the sub-universe of South India in the 13th century, in a hugely popular verse. Written by the Telugu poet 'Baddena' or Bhadra Bhupala in *Neeti Saara*, his treatise on morals, it says: "*Karyeshu dasi, karaneshu mantri, bhojeshu mata, shayaneshu Rambha, roopeshu Lakshmi, kshamayeshu Dharitri, shat dharmayukta kuladharmapatni*," meaning "Like a servant in doing the household chores, like a minister in giving her husband intelligent advice, serving him food as lovingly as a mother feeds her son, as seductive and pleasing in bed as the celestial nymph Rambha, as beautiful as Mahalakshmi and as forbearing as Mother Earth: the woman who has these six qualities is the ideal married lady of the house."

This verse holds up an ideal very much around in South Indian families even today. It encourages good conduct and pleasant, responsible behaviour. Alarmingly, though, there is not one verse in the entire corpus

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> Regrettably, besides the respectably married mother of sons, only two other kinds of women are accorded dignity by tradition—old women and celibate renunciates. It holds even today in both deeply conservative and superficially modern swathes

of classical literature that details the virtues required of a mortal husband. I verified this in 2008 with the renowned Sanskrit scholar Sundararama Dikshithar of Kumbakonam, a ninth century temple town and seat of learning in the Kaveri Delta. He had the absolute honesty to admit it after spending a sleepless night trying to think of an instance.

This 'pragmatic' attitude towards women sprang from the old Hindu belief that only a son could save a man from the hell called '*put*'. Hence the term '*putra*' for son—the 'deliverer from *put*'. A wife was the socially endorsed conduit for this outcome, of no earthly use unless she produced a fine, healthy son. Indian patriarchs in general did not see wives as precious individuals; any eligible woman from the caste-allotted gene pool would do to keep their lives going.

Religious discourses also rely heavily on the *Bhakta Vijaya*, the 18th century Marathi book that retold the lives of 108 important saints from the preceding five centuries. Its special focus is on saints between the 13th and 17th centuries from the 'Varkari' tradition, centred on Krishna as the deity Vitthala in Pandharpur. Its author, Mahipati, was a scribe turned hagiographer. Its tone and content uphold the patriarchal status quo that is unthinkingly repeated in 21st century religious discourses.

So, my earnest request to religious discoursers is to update the tone and tenor of stories from the *Bhakta Vijaya* in keeping with our Constitution that gives every citizen equal status. This could greatly influence social attitudes and practices.

Hinduism is such a strong, vibrant culture that has been thought through to the last detail that it requires great courage for a Hindu woman to claim an individual identity. Her identity is usually subsumed in her husband's and society is still noticeably wary of widows, divorcees, single women and women who have to live alone. It is frequently uncharitable to wives who do not bear healthy sons.

Regrettably, besides the respectably married mother of sons, only two other kinds of women are accorded dignity by tradition—old women and celibate renunciates. Of course, there were rebels and breakaways, but this was the holding pattern that prevailed across society for millennia. It holds even today in both deeply conservative and superficially modern swathes. This is despite over a century of Hindu reform, seen in the growing number of educated and working women in many spheres of national life. I may also claim to be a legatee and beneficiary of Hindu reform, owing my present freedoms to the courage of preceding generations of enlightened Hindu fathers who let their girls out of the box. And so, I say that if we truly love the Devi, should we not, each of us, persuade society to be nicer to women?

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Natural living

Ref: *Tackling the source of problems* (Oct 20). We have to go back to basics, to nature. 'Modern' living, the common sedentary lifestyle, consuming cancer-causing eatables, all make the need for more and more cancer hospitals in the country. Kudos to the writer for pointing this out.

Ramanujadasan, Kanchipuram

Peace possibilities

Ref: *Omar must juggle DNA to restore paradise* (Oct 20). The newly sworn-in J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah brings with him a wealth of experience. There is thus little reason to expect instability. The restoration of democratic process presents immense possibilities to the region.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

J&K statehood

Omar Abdullah has accepted that demanding a restoration of Article 370 is a futile exercise. Instead, his cabinet has gained approval from the L-G on the resolution to restore statehood for J&K. All eyes are now on the central government which, having been defeated in the state, must assess the popular mandate accurately to avoid discontent.

Aparna Vats, Bengaluru

UT's autonomy

Ref: *J&K one step closer to statehood as L-G clears Cabinet resolution* (Oct 20). The clearance of the J&K cabinet resolution by the L-G is an optimistic step in the direction of autonomy for the Union territory. The willingness to accept autonomy within the framework of the Constitution will go a long way in fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Inept batting

The inept batting efforts by the Indian cricket team on the first day of the Test against New Zealand was itself enough to indicate that the New Zealanders were going to be top in the game. Indian batting crumbled against the quality pace attack of the Kiwis under overcast conditions, scoring a paltry 46 in the first innings. Despite putting up better performance later on, the target of 107 was not enough to defend and the visitors romped home easily.

S Sankaranarayanan, Chennai

Overseas victory

Congratulations to New Zealand for a convincing Test victory in India after 36 years. The Bengaluru test, played amidst pouring rain and sunshine, was not short of the immaculate twists and turns only the traditional version is known to have. An overseas victory is always special.

Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
Asia's second-largest hospital, the Patna Medical College and Hospital, is being constructed in Bihar and promises to enhance healthcare accessibility for millions.

Jignesh Mevani @jigneshmevani80
Shrikant Pangarkar, accused of supplying weapons in murder of Gauri Lankesh, has now joined Eknath Shinde Sena in Maharashtra. He has been given the responsibility of Jalna seat.

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
History cannot be made by those who have a lust for legacy, who want to be all things to all people.

■ Fadnavis to fight from Nagpur, Bawankule from Kamati ■ MVA locked in tough bargaining in seat-sharing talks

BJP retains 71 MLAs in first Maha list of 99

BJP holds sway over 35 seats due to social combinations. In 35, BJP candidates are strong due to their individual network in sugar cooperatives and schools and institutions

BJP leader

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Mumbai/New Delhi

THE BJP on Sunday announced its first list of 99 candidates for the Maharashtra assembly polls on November 20, retaining 71 MLAs.

Deputy CM **Devendra Fadnavis** will contest from Nagpur South West and state BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule from Kamati. The party has repeated 40 MLAs, reportedly facing anti-incumbency. Three MLAs -- Bharati Lavekar, Sunil Rane and Parag Shah – have been dropped.

The list also includes young dynastic faces. Shreeja Chavan, daughter of former CM Ashok Chavan, has been fielded from Bhokar; Pratibha Pachpute, daughter of BJP leader Baban Pachpute, from Shrigonda; Vinod Shelar, brother of Mumbai BJP president Ashish Shelar, from Malad West; and Sulabha Gaikwad, wife of former BJP MLA Ganpat Gaikwad, from Kalyan East.

Political observers said the BJP, known for its surprises, has not taken any risk this time. "BJP has not taken any risk by denying tickets to MLAs. It has avoided experimentation as well. The party decided to stick to the present MLAs because ticket denial to them means giving an opportunity to rebels and encouraging factionalism. BJP cannot afford to have such a scenario when the battle is neck and neck against the Maha Vikas Aghadi," an analyst stated.

A senior BJP leader said they are confident of winning more than 80 seats of the 150 it will contest. "BJP holds sway over 35 seats due to social combinations. In another 35, BJP candidates are strong due to their individual network in sugar cooperatives and schools and institutions. If we are able to win at least half of the rest 60 seats, we will be closer to power. We have to work seat by seat," he said.

Dynasties

The BJP list includes some young dynastic faces — Shreeja Chavan, daughter of former CM Ashok Chavan; Pratibha Pachpute, daughter of BJP leader Baban Pachpute; Vinod Shelar, brother of Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar, and Sulabha Gaikwad, wife of former MLA Ganpat Gaikwad

DECIDE

Amid seat deadlock, Cong defers CEC meet

The Congress is closely following the situation as Thackeray on Friday cautioned that haggling among allies must not be allowed to reach a breaking point

Congress sources

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

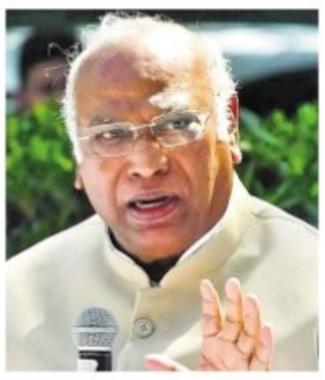
AS the stalemate over seat-sharing of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) allies for the Maharashtra polls continues, the Congress postponed its crucial Central Election Committee (CEC) for Monday.

Earlier, the Congress called a two-day meeting of its CEC, chaired by party chief **Mallikarjun Kharge** on Sunday to finalize candidates for Maharashtra and Jharkhand.

Sources said the party rescheduled the CEC meeting for Monday evening as it failed to reach a consensus in the seat-sharing talks in poll-bound Maharashtra and Jharkhand.

Amid the impasse, Shiv Sena UBT leader Uddhav Thackeray called a meeting of party leaders on Sunday. "Some decisions have to be taken and for that, an urgent meeting of all leaders has been called", said Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut.

Sources said the MVA is also under pressure as the BJP announced its first list of candidates for the Assembly elections on Sunday. While Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is set to contest from Nagpur South West, state BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule has been fielded from Kamthi.



Though the MVA claims to have reached a consensus for 260 Assembly seats, leaders of the alliance — AICC state in-charge Ramesh Chennithala, Uddhav Thackeray, and NCP (SP)'s Sharad Pawar — held a meeting in Mumbai on Saturday evening. However, Chennithala downplayed the visit, saying he met Thackeray to inquire about his health. Thackeray on Friday cautioned that haggling among allies, particularly the Congress, must not be allowed to reach a breaking point, while Raut claimed that state Congress leaders were incapable of making decisions on the distribution of assembly constituencies.

Tough task

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POWER GAMES

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Poll Strategy

CONG MAY JOIN J&K GOVT AFTER MAHA POLLS

The Congress decision not to join the Omar Abdullah government in Jammu and Kashmir has led to speculation about the relations between the two pre-poll allies. There have been reports that the Congress demanded two Cabinet berths and the post of deputy Speaker. Alternatively, the party wanted the post of Speaker along with one Cabinet berth. It is said that the chief minister has not agreed to the Congress demand. Therefore, the Congress has decided to sit out. Doubts have also been raised over the continuation of the alliance. Sources, however, said there is no dispute between the two allies over the posts for Congress MLAs, as the chief minister is ready to accommodate Congress to its satisfaction. They said it was the Congress party's decision not to join the government at this moment. According to sources, the Congress may join the government after the Maharashtra and Jharkhand elections. The Congress leadership feels that joining the government of Omar Abdullah, whose party's election manifesto demanded re-imposition of Article 370, may give an issue to the BJP to polarise the upcoming election in the two states. The BJP has been successful in winning the perception war on Article 370 so much so that the Congress had to avoid mentioning the issue in its manifesto. Even after its abrogation, Article 370 continues to remain a potent issue within and outside J&K. The Congress is hopeful of doing well in Maharashtra and Jharkhand by fighting the election on local issues. It doesn't want Article 370 to spoil its chances.

RSS starts outreach for BJP to propel MahaYuti victory

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

WITH the MahaYuti and Opposition MVA (Maha Vikas Aghadi) set for a keen contest in the elections to the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has launched an extensive outreach programme to shape public opinion in favour of the BJP-led ruling alliance in the state, sources said.

After the success in the Haryana polls, the RSS is working quietly on the ground for the BJP. "The RSS is conducting over 50,000 small meetings and outreach efforts through its volunteers organised into groups, or tolis," a source said.

Maharashtra has a strong RSS presence, contributing significantly to the BJP's efforts through its dedicated volunteers who uphold Hindutva ideology.

Sources indicate that the BJP has begun working with its election machinery in Maharashtra well ahead of the polls, focusing particularly on areas where its presence is weaker.

"The BJP doesn't jump into elections at the eleventh hour. We start our preparations at least two years in advance across states going to the polls," said a BJP functionary involved in the Maharashtra campaign.

For BJP, Maharashtra's role in national politics is significant as the party gears up for the 2029 general elections.

The party is reportedly employing a carpet campaign strategy in collaboration with its allies — Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's Nationalist Congress Part — with emphasis on leveraging the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Maharashtra has always played a vital role in shaping Bharat into a 'Maha-rashtra' (great nation), and this assembly election will not only determine the state's future but also send a strong message toward making India a Vikshit Bharat," a BJP MP said.

A senior BJP leader claims that the party aims to win more than 95 per cent of the assembly seats the party is contesting. "And the seats from our allies will make the MahaYuti once again 'maha upyukt' (greatly suited) for Maharashtra's development and our collective goal of achieving a Vikshit Bharat," the leader said.

It is widely believed that a lack of enthusiasm among the RSS workers was one of the key factors behind the BJP's underwhelming performance in the Lok Sabha elections this year.

On the ground

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J'khand: INDIA rift out, RJD threatens to go solo

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

RIFT in the INDIA bloc widened over seat sharing, with the RJD threatening on Sunday to go it alone in the Jharkhand Assembly polls if not given reasonable number of seats.

RJD national spokesperson **Manoj Kumar Jha** told reporters that his party has been preparing for 18 to 20 seats in the state, but only 4 to 5 seats are being offered to it.

"The party has conveyed its sentiments to the leaders of INDIA bloc. If our demands are not considered, then the RJD will announce its candidates for 20 seats on Monday," Jha said. He however, said RJD will not sabotage the prospects of INDIA bloc even if it goes solo in the state.

"Since Hemant Soren has to become the chief minister, the Congress and JMM will have to see the things with sensitivity; we will fully support them on 60 to 62 seats. But, we want those seats where our candidates remained runner-up in 2014 and 2019 Assembly polls," said Jha.

"Basic thing is that RJD is with anybody who defeats BJP. RJD is the only party which has been traditionally fighting against BJP," he added.

Jha said his is strong on 18-20 seats but is ready to settle for 12-13 seats, he added. "Our strike rate is the best as we contested seven seats in 2019 and emerged runner-up on five seats with very close margin of votes," Jha said.

In 2019, RJD had won one seat. Its MLA Satyanand Bhokta is a minister in the Hemant Soren cabinet.

Alliance Talk

JMM WANTS CONGRESS TO LEAVE SEATS FOR RJD

The filing of nominations for the first phase of elections in Jharkhand has begun. The ruling JMM-Congress-RJD alliance, however, is still quibbling over the sharing of seats. JMM leader and state Chief Minister Hemant Soren has announced that Congress and his party will contest 70 out of the total 81 seats in the state, leaving the remaining 11 seats for the RJD and the Left parties. The RJD has expressed unhappiness over this announcement, stating that it would have been better if all alliance partners had been consulted beforehand. There is also no clarity on how the 70 seats will be divided between the JMM and Congress. Sources say Soren wants the JMM to contest 43 seats and leave 27 for Congress. However, Congress is not happy with this arrangement, having contested 31 seats in the last election. It later added two more MLAs from Babulal Marandi's JVM and had a BJP MLA quit the party to contest the Lok Sabha election on a Congress ticket. This brought its total number of contested seats to 34 (31+2+1). The party expects to fight on 34 seats. Soren, however, is keen to accommodate the Left parties in the alliance and wants to give them four seats. The RJD wants to at least retain its 2019 share, when the JMM fought on 43 seats, Congress on 31, and RJD on 7. The allies are racing against time to come to an understanding amid rising tensions.

Prasar Bharati plans live telecast of TV channels on mobile phones, trial on

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

PUBLIC broadcaster Prasar Bharati has moved a step ahead to facilitate telecast of live TV channels on smartphones without an internet connection as the trials to check feasibility of the direct-to-mobile (D2M) technology took off.

The officials of the ministry of information and broadcasting (MI&B) confirmed that the broadcaster has been conducting trials in different cities, including Delhi, in collaboration with IIT Kanpur and Saankhya Labs using both high-power and low-power transmitters.

Officials said experiments for D2M with IIT Kanpur have been successful and to take it further, transmitters on cellular towers and chips in mobile phones are required.

"Live broadcasting directly to mobile devices is done using broadcast signals like TV and radio. It is bypassing traditional cellular or internet data networks. The phones or devices require specific hardware to receive and decode broadcast signals," said an official. The technology may enable high-quality video and audio streaming as it doesn't depend on the variable speed and stability of an internet connection, said officials.

The ministry signed a memorandum of understanding in July 2019 for research collaboration in various areas, including direct-to-mobile broadcasting, convergence with 5G, rural broadband, and also for next generation broadcasting standards. Saankhya Labs, a subsidiary of Tejas Networks, is a premier wireless communication solutions provider based in Karnataka.

Own NewsOnAir app

A pilot project to examine if direct broadcasting of high viewership events like IPL to smartphones or devices on the lines of DTH was undertaken about three years ago. "Today, almost every user consumes video content on mobiles; news is also being seen on mobile through apps. Prasar Bharati has its own NewsOnAir app having a large consumer base," said an official.

Plea in SC seeks urgent relief from demolitions after Bahraich violence

SUCHITRA K MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THREE people allegedly involved in the October 13 Bahraich violence in UP have approached the Supreme Court seeking urgent relief against the demolition notices issued to them for Sunday.

The application stated that on October 18, the PWD pasted 23 backdated notices dated October 17, on their properties.

They claimed that the properties for which notices have been issued are 10-70 years old. "The proposed action is punitive and the government's defense of unauthorised construction is merely a ruse to illegally overcome the court's stay order on demolitions."

While hearing a bulldozer justice matter earlier, the top court had clarified that house of a person cannot be demolished merely because he is an accused. The court's stand during the proceedings was that houses of people cannot be demolished merely because they are accused of a crime.

The court had also suggested and decided to lay down pan-India guidelines to prevent the abuse of municipal laws.

On October 13, during a procession for immersion of Goddess Durga idol in Maharajganj area of Bahraich, members of a particular community objected to the playing of loud music. This led to a heated argument between two groups and snowballed into violence.

"The trigger for the proposed demolition notices is the proximity of the communal flare-up... A short three-day time has been given to respond to the notice when the applicants have been occupying the house/shops for decades. The short time of three days to respond to the notice...denies reasonable opportunity and time to the applicants to seek legal remedy," the plea said.

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Petitioners

Petition seeks to make snakebite treatment available at PHCs

SUCHITRA K MOHANTY @ New Delhi

A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking a direction to make available poly-venom (anti-venom) and snakebite treatments at PHCs, CHCs and district hospitals along with all the government hospitals in the country.

The petitioner, lawyer Shailendra Mani Tripathi, has sought that the SC should direct authorities concerned to conduct snakebites prevention health mission and snakebites public awareness campaign to reduce huge mortality specially in rural India.

He said, "Snakebite envenomation (SBE) is an acute, life threatening, time-limiting, medical emergency affecting 1.8-2.7 million people with estimated 1,38,000 deaths annually across the globe."

India contributes an average of 58,000 deaths annually. More than 95% deaths occur in rural India, he argued.

Statistics ministry asks CPWD to undertake upkeep of ISI campuses

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoS&PI) has approached the Central Public Work Department (CPWD) to take up upkeep work of premises of Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) — an institution of national importance — in states, including its historic campus spreading over 32 acres in Kolkata.

Upon failing to receive a response in the matter from the local office of the agency, the ministry has written a letter to the Director General (DG) of the department. The institute requested the special director general of CPWD Kolkata region in November last year.

In a letter to the CPWD DG sent last month, the ministry has sought his personal attention and directions to the concerned officers to explore possibilities of undertaking maintenance work of ISI buildings in centres in Delhi, Bengaluru, Tezpur and Chennai and its headquarters on Kolkata campus.

Its outlying units are also located in Coimbatore, Giridih, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Pune and Vadodara.

ISI was founded in 1931 as a learned society in a small room in the Presidency College. It was shifted to its present location at Baranagar, a suburb of Kolkata in the 1950s. The campus comprises two complexes. The main structures are the geology building, library, administration block, two hostels and 'Amrapali'.

The founder of the institute, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, purchased a plot of land with a one-storied building in early 1941 at Baranagar and had plans to renovate and extend the house, mainly for residential purposes.

His close friend Rabindranath Tagore named the proposed house Amrapali after a classical Buddhist sanctuary. The renovation was completed in 1942. After shifting to the property, Mahalanobis placed at the disposal of the Indian Statistical Institute a few rooms of Amrapali. Consequently the centre of activities of the Institute moved from the premises of Presidency College to there.

HOOCH IN BIHAR

Two police personnel were suspended and 21 people, including seven women, were arrested in connection with a hooch tragedy in Siwan, Saran and Gopalganj districts of dry Bihar, officials said on Sunday.

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Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

No bias in govt works, says Modi

PM launches 23 development projects, including airport upgrades, worth ₹6,700 crore

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

WHILE visiting his parliamentary constituency Varanasi for the second time after Lok Sabha election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that since his government was working with good intention to bring about a positive change in the life of each countrymen for the last one decade, the country was also blessing the BJP-led NDA repeatedly and the outcome of Haryana polls was the testimony to it.

While addressing a public meeting while inaugurating the Varanasi Sports Complex in Sigra on Sunday, after gifting 23 development projects worth ₹6,700 crore including the upgradation of six airports across the country, PM Modi launched a broadside on Congress and Samajwadi Party over dynastic politics, social discrimination, and appeasement politics.

"Those who are practising the dynastic politics and running the parties as their family fiefdom are very dangerous for the country as they have been discriminating on caste and communal lines in development, but our govt believes in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'."

"We do what we say, what we promise. A grand Ram Temple had to be built and it is standing tall there in Ayodhya thronged by millions daily. We fulfilled the promise of women's reservation, liberated Muslim daughters from social evils like triple talaq, and gave constitutional status to the OBC commission with 10% reservation to economically poor sections," said Modi, mentioning why people in Haryana retained BJP in the state and it received record votes in the Jammu & Kashmir assembly polls.

"Why did the colourful cultural city, Kashi, which houses the sacred Jyotirlinga of Lord Shiva, the salvation site of Manikarnika, and the knowledge site of Sarnath, remain deprived of development and neglected for decades?" questioned the PM.

He mentioned that those who governed UP and Delhi for long time never cared for Kashi due to dynastic and appeasement politics. He said, for parties like Congress and Samajwadi Party, Banaras' development was never a priority, neither in the past nor it would be in the future.

"Today, the country is facing a major threat from dynastic politics which never believes in giving opportunities to youth," said Modi. He called upon the youth of the country to rise above the personal interests and become the axis of the nation's politics. He recalled that he had announced from Red Fort to bring one lakh youth with no political background into politics to change the flavour of country's politics, eradicating corruption and nepotism. "I appeal to the youths of UP and Kashi to be part of new political journey," he said. Regarding the works of his govt n the third term, Modi said: "When entrusted by people for serving for a third consecutive time, our govt started working with triple pace and in just over 125 days, projects worth over Rs 15 lakh crore have been initiated with a significant portion allocated for the poor, farmers, and youth."

However, he said, in the past, time was wasted in discussions on scams and corrupt practices of the previous government.

PM Narendra Modi with UP Governor Anandiben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Varanasi on Sunday | PTI

PM inaugurates airports in Rewa and Sarguja

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated two more airports — one in Chhattisgarh's Surguja and another in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa. The airports, that have been launched under Regional Connectivity Scheme, will begin their services soon.

Kanchi seer hails PM, says he is key factor in progress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

KANCHI Kamakoti Peetham pontiff Jagadguru Sri Shankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Swamigal on Sunday hailed the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he is the "key factor behind the nation's progress".

He was addressing a function after the inauguration of RJ Sankara Eye Hospital in Varanasi, UP. "Our nation is making great strides and a key factor behind this progress is strong leadership," the pontiff stated.

Praising PM Modi's leadership, he said, "It is a blessing from God to have good leaders like PM Modi amongst us and God is getting various great work done through the PM." He coined an acronym for governance of the NDA government - 'Narendra Damodardas ka Anushashan' - a model of governance that is focused on the safety, convenience, and well-being of the citizens.

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> Shankaracharya

Shakaracharya said that PM Modi understands the challenges being faced by a common man and, therefore, he works towards eliminating them. He said that NDA government works for citizens with compassion, and cited the example of Covid, where the government did not let any citizen sleep hungry and fed everyone — in reference to Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.

He said that the NDA government is a role model for governance across the world which other countries can emulate. With rising status and bright future, India would give fillip to global peace and India's prosperity will contribute to global prosperity.

Sankaracharya added that along with infrastructural development of the country, the government is also focused on cultural rejuvenation and cited examples of works done in Somnath and Kedarnath.

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Haryana officials warned against corruption

The newly-elected Haryana cabinet minister Rao Narbir Singh MLA from Badshahpur has warned officials against involvement in corruption in Gurugram district. In a recent meeting with the officials, Singh said that if anyone is found taking bribes in exchange for work, he should be ready to face strict action. He gave them time till Diwali to mend their ways and focus on the development of the millennium city. Holding their lackadaisical and laid-back attitude responsible for the not-so-good condition of Gurugram, the minister said the officials need to pull up their socks to bring the city back on the path of development.

Appointment of CPS to CM held in 'abeyance'

Hours after appointing retired IAS officer Rajesh Kumar Khullar as chief principal secretary (CPS) to CM Nayab Singh Saini, the state government revoked the order on Friday. Turned out that a faction of the BJP leaders expressed their displeasure over the move forcing its revocation. The chief secretary then issued another letter stating that the order has been "kept in abeyance" till further orders. Earlier, the chief secretary had issued a letter on behalf of the Haryana governor, appointing Khullar as CPS to the CM Saini in the rank and status of a cabinet minister.

Punjab govt replaces chief secretary

In a sudden move, the Punjab government removed Chief Secretary Anurag Verma, a 1993 batch IAS officer, and appointed 1992 batch officer KAP Sinha instead. He was replaced reportedly as the party high command was not satisfied with the pace of his decision-making and implementation of government schemes. Such transfers are not uncommon in the last eight years as four IAS officers — 1982 batch officer Sarvesh Kaushal, 1984 batch officer Karan Avtar Singh, 1987 batch IAS officer Vinni Mahajan and 1990 batch officer Anirudth Tewari — who were chief secretaries of the state saw their tenure end abruptly.

Laundering case: IAS officer to be questioned

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

IAS officer Sanjeev Hans is likely to be taken on remand for further questioning in connection with a money laundering case lodged against him. ED, which is probing allegations of corruption against him, is set to submit a petition in the court on Monday, seeking his remand.

The decision to take the senior bureaucrat on remand followed the arrest of former Jhanjarpur MLA Gulab Yadav and Praveen Choudhary, who was stated to be a close associate of the senior bureaucrat. During interrogation, Yadav and Choudhary reportedly provided vital information regarding the transactions of money through hawala.

"We will submit a petition in the competent court requesting it to allow us to take Sanjeev Hans on remand for interrogation," said an investigating officer.

Praveen Choudhary, a native of Madhubani district in Bihar, is a contractor. Choudhary had purchased a flat in New Delhi in which the family members of the IAS officer is living. Sources said that Choudhary purchased the flat in Anand Niketan for ₹9.25 crore in March 2023.

After Omar cabinet call for statehood, all eyes on Assembly's first session

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER the passage of a resolution on statehood restoration in the first cabinet meeting of the Omar Abdullah-led government in J&K, it remains to be seen if the ruling National Conference would move a similar resolution in the first session of the Assembly.

The newly elected members of the Assembly will take oath in Srinagar on Monday. The legislators would be administered oath by senior NC leader and MLA Mubarak Gul, who has been appointed as pro tem speaker by J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha after a cabinet recommendation.

The cabinet has recommended Lt Governor Sinha to convene the first session of the Assembly in Srinagar on November 4. The first session holds significance as it would be for the first time post Article 370 abrogation that the legislators would meet.

The Assembly session also holds significance as the new government has already passed a resolution on the restoration of statehood in its first cabinet meeting. The new CM would be visiting the national capital in the next few days to meet PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and other Union ministers and hand them a draft of the resolution.

After the passage of the statehood restoration resolution by the cabinet, it would be very interesting to see whether the ruling party (NC) moves the similar resolution on restoration of statehood to J&K in the Assembly as well.

Omar before assuming power had suggested that the first cabinet meeting should pass a resolution on the restoration of statehood and the Assembly in its first meeting should clear a resolution on restoration.

Guv to convene meet

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Junior doctors firm on health secy's exit, threaten to resume cease-work

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

A day after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee spoke to the junior doctors and called a meeting on Monday to resolve the impasse over RG Kar hospital rape-murder, agitation junior doctors on Sunday said they would launch a cease-work along with senior doctors from Tuesday if their demands are not met in the meeting.

According to the members of the West Bengal Junior Doctors Forum, they have sent an email to the CM mentioning the 10-point demands, including removal of the health secretary and end to threat culture in state-run hospitals. "If our demands are not met after meeting with the chief minister, then we will launch ceasework and nobody could stop us," said a junior doctor.

On Saturday, Banerjee had urged the junior doctors to end their fast-unto-death. She said most of their demands have been met but rejected their insistence on the removal of the state health secretary.

Agitating junior doctors were joined by members of civil society organisations on Sunday evening in a mega rally to press for their 10-point demands. Addressing the rally at the fast-unto-death venue in Esplanade, the medics said their agitation would intensify if their demands were not met.

Members of civil society organisations joined the rally holding placards, lighting candles and women blowing conch shells to show solidarity with the junior doctors.

Empathising with the junior doctors' demands, several actors from the Bengali film and television industry, including Chaiti Ghosal, Debalina Dutta, and Soumya Banerjee held a day-long hunger strike near the protest site. Street plays, songs and recital of poems marked another protest congregation near the Academy of Fine Arts.

TMC leader said Debangshu Bhattacharya, "We are not seeing any difference between Maoist leaders and the junior doctors who are protesting at Dharmatala. They are threatening the government and now they are waiting to kill people as all the doctors will go on cease-work, and nobody is there to look after poor patients."

Civil society members join agitation

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1,700 participate in int'l Kashmir marathon

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

WITH the improvement in ground situation and decline in militancy, the first-ever international marathon was held in picturesque Kashmir on Sunday in which over 1700 runners, including 12 foreign nationals, participated.

The Kashmir Marathon, the first international athletic event of its kind to be held in the valley, was flagged off by J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah from Polo View in Srinagar in the morning. He was accompanied by Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty.

The runners from across the country and 12 foreign nationals participated in the 42-km full marathon and 21-km half marathon.

The participants included top long-distance runners from India, Asian gold medallists and some of the best runners from Europe and Africa.

Fitness enthusiast Abdullah completed the 21-km half marathon and expressed hope that the Kashmir Marathon would become an annual event and earn recognition comparable to prestigious marathons around the world.

"I didn't expect that I would be able to finish my half marathon. Never in my life had I run more than 12 or 13 kilometres but running alongside other participants encouraged me to complete it," Omar said. In the 18-35 age category, Sher Singh clocked 2:23:22 to win the race. Mann Singh was behind one minute and 42 seconds from the winner.

In the women's event in the same age group, Tamsi Singh finished with a timing of 3:03:25 while Bhagirathi Bisht finished a close second by clocking 3:04:11. J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha congratulated all the winners and participants and said the successful mega event has put J&K on the world marathon map.

"The record tourists' arrival in the last few years stands as a testimony to the peace, progress and prosperity in J&K. With its ideal climate, rich cultural heritage, warm hospitality, and scenic beauty, J&K is emerging as a preferred destination for international sporting events," he said.

Sinha announced that very soon Jammu Marathon will be organised on a similar scale as Kashmir Marathon. "The signature running events at Srinagar and Jammu in future, will bring together runners from across the globe and encourage tourism," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty said, "With the kind of hospitality and scenic beauty J&K has, I am confident that in the coming days, it will become number one global spot for international events like marathons. Efforts will surely be made to bring more films to J&K."

Participants during Kashmir Marathon 2024, in Srinagar on Sunday | PTI

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> Omar Abdullah, J&K Chief Minister

Good news in Kuno: MP CM shares pictures of a pregnant cheetah

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

GOOD news is in the offing from the Kuno National Park (KNP) of Madhya Pradesh. Veera, one of the South African cheetahs at the Park is pregnant and is expected to deliver cubs soon.

The information was shared by none other than the Madhya Pradesh chief minister Dr Mohan Yadav on the social media platform X on Saturday late night. "Happiness is coming to Kuno... A female cheetah is soon going to give birth to cubs at the KNP. This news is a symbol of the great achievement of the Cheetah Project. The project started under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi is proving to be continuously improving the ecological balance."

Importantly, seventeen cubs have been born to the Namibian and South African cheetahs on the Indian soil, since the fastest moving animal on earth was reintroduced into at the KNP in September 2022 as part of the world's first inter-continental cheetah translocation project, seven decades after the cheetahs were officially declared extinct due to excessive poaching in the Indian wilds.

According to available wildlife literature, the cheetah cubs (among all the feline family cubs) have the lowest survival rate, with only 5% of them reaching adulthood.

Out of the seventeen cubs born so far, 12 have survived, with the eldest of them being an 18-month female Mukhi who was abandoned by its Namibian mother Siyaya since birth in March 2023.

The KNP presently has 12 adults and 12 cubs – all of them housed in enclosures.

The adult cheetahs will be released back into the free ranging forests of the KNP in phases, reportedly from this month's end. The two South African male coalitions will be the first ones to be released in the wild.

While Agni and Vayu will reportedly be released in the Palpur East range, Prabhas and Pavak will be released in another area of the free ranging forest.

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60 yrs
Kamala Harris celebrated her birthday on Sunday

87 killed in Israeli strikes on north Gaza

DEIR AL-BALAH

Palestinians inspect the damage after an Israeli airstrike in Beit Lahia on Saturday | AFP

ISRAELI strikes on homes in the northern Gaza Strip overnight and into Sunday left at least 87 people dead or missing, the territory's Health Ministry said, as a large-scale operation continued against Hamas militants said to be regrouping.

The ministry said another 40 people were wounded in the strikes on the town of Beit Lahiya, which was among the first targets of Israel's ground invasion nearly a year ago. The Israeli military said it carried out a strike on a Hamas target. Palestinian officials say hundreds of people have been killed in Israel's two-week operation in northern Gaza, and that the health sector there is close to collapse.

The United States, meanwhile, was investigating an unauthorised release of classified documents indicating that Israel was moving military assets into place for a military strike in response to Iran's ballistic missile attack on Oct 1, according to three US officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The US is urging Israel to press for a ceasefire in Gaza following the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar last week. But neither Israel nor Hamas has shown interest in such a deal after months of negotiations sputtered to a halt in August. A year of escalating tensions between Israel and Hezbollah boiled over into all-out war last month. Israel sent ground troops into Lebanon early this month. The Lebanese army said three soldiers were killed in an Israeli strike Sunday on their vehicle in southern Lebanon. There was no immediate comment on that from the Israeli military, which said it struck more than 100 Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon in the past day and continued ground operations there.

Lebanon's army has largely kept to the sidelines in the war. The military is a respected institution in Lebanon but is not powerful enough to impose its will on Hezbollah or defend the country from an Israeli invasion.

Israel's military said Hezbollah fired more than 170 rockets into the country on Sunday. Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service said three people were lightly injured from a fire sparked by a rocket attack on the northern city of Safed.

Israel has increased strikes on southern neighborhoods of Beirut known as the Dahiyeh, a crowded residential area where Hezbollah has a strong presence. It is also home to many civilians.

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MSF asks Israel to stop attacking hospitals

Doctors Without Borders, the international charity known by its French acronym MSF, called on Israeli forces to immediately stop their attacks on hospitals in northern Gaza. Israel's military said it was operating near one of the hospitals but had not fired directly at it

US INVESTIGATING ISRAEL ATTACK PLAN LEAK

The US is investigating an unauthorised release of classified documents that assess Israel's plans to attack Iran, three US officials said. The documents are attributed to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency

LIBYAN MAN ARRESTED IN GERMANY ON SUSPICION

German prosecutors said Sunday they had arrested a Libyan man on suspicion of having links to the Islamic State group and planning to attack the Israeli embassy in Berlin with firearms. The suspect, identified as Omar A, was arrested on Saturday evening

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice issued on behalf of my client Sri. Santhosh Kumar H Deshpande to bring to the notice of the general public notice that the original registered possession certificate deed dated 25/08/1964 document bearing No.386/1996-97, dated 16/09/1964 document bearing No.388/1996-97 and sale deed dated 20/04/1996 document bearing No.390/1996-97, Volume No.184, Book No.1 in the sub registrar office Rajajinagara, Bangalore is missing/ lost/ misplaced and this regard my client was lodge online complaint in lost report No. 1183435/2024 dated 07/08/2024.

If anybody finds the above said sale deed and possession certificate in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule, kindly handover to the nearest police station of handover the same to my client or to my advocate at the earliest within 7 days from the date of this notice falling which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of site No.566, Block No.(b) in Rajajinagar II Stage, Extension, measuring East to West 29.6 Feet and North to South 29 Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface bounded on;

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Bangalore, Date: 19/10/2024

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE
No.4, B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560 011.

O.A. No. 428 OF 2022

BETWEEN: UNION BANK OF INDIA, Having its Head Office at Mumbai and inter-alia Branch Office at R.T. Nagar, No.75, 14th Cross, I Block, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560 032. ... **APPLICANT/PLAINTIFF**

-V/s-

1. **SURESH V. WADHWA,** S/o Vishinidas Dwarkadas, Major, R/at No.8, 80 feet road, P and T Colony, Ganganagar R.T.Nagar (Near Police Station), Bangalore. Proprietor **M/s DECCAN IMPEX**
2. **NAROTAM WADHWA,** S/o Vishinidas Dwarkadas, Major, R/at No.8, 80 feet road, P and T Colony, Ganganagar, R.T. Nagar (Near Police Station), Bangalore. ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Whereas, the applicants have instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Bankrupt Act 1993 against you the above defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 21,47,861.15/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty one and Fifteen Paise only) by the defendants together with interest at the rate of 8.35% p.a thereon compounded monthly interest from the date of application till the date of realization or actual payment and other Reliefs. The defendants are thereof, hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through your counsel or through authorized agents is support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **27/12/2024** at **10:30 A.M** as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 02-09-2024.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

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KPTCL invites bids for the following works :

No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/24-25/3632-35 Dtd:16.10.2024

1)Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/works/2024-25/09 Dtd: 16.10.2024 . Replacement of existing 22nos (2I/C+1B/C+19F) 11kV, 20/25/26.3kA, 1250A, VB-5,15/12-V2 type MCVCB switchgears by new 11kV, 500MVA, 31.5kA, 2000A incomer and 1600A feeder panel type MCVCB switchgears comprising of 21/C+1B/C+20F+2AP at 66/11kV Metagally S/s under PTK basis.

2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/works/2024-25/10 Dtd: 16.10.2024. Realignment/ Heightening portion of existing 66kV Kadakola-Nanjangud DC line crossing over Kapila river for the proposed national highway-212 road crossing in order to maintain the vertical clearance at Nanjangud limits in Mysuru district.

3) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)AE-3/works/2024-25/11 Dtd: 16.10.2024. Replacement of existing 66kV Kalpatharu design DA+3 (Loc no-31) and DA+0(Loc no-34) by NBT D/C towers in existing 66kV Huygonahally Santhebachalli DC line for increasing ground clearance in between Loc no 30(B+O)-31(A+3) and Loc no.33(A+O)+34(A+O) near Jaginakere village limits in K.R.Pete taluk, Mandya district.

No: SEE/T (W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/24-25/3636-38 Date:16.10.2024

4)Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/REPL/169. Replacement of 1X8 MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer by 1X20MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer at 66/11KV ELAVALA Sub-station in Mysuru Taluk and District under PTK basis.

5) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/ T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/REPL/170. Replacement of 1X12.5 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer-2 by 1 x 20 MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV HULLALLY Sub station in Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District under PTK basis.

6) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/ T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/REPL/171. Replacement of 1X8 MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer by 1X20MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformer at 66/11KV HAMPAPURA Sub-station in H.D Kote Taluk and Mysuru District under PTK basis.

The tender will be received through "e-Procurement Portal" only. The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **(For Sl. No. 1 to 3): 28.10.2024 and (For Sl. No. 4 to 6): 23.10.2024** onwards Further details can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission(W&M)Circle, KPTCL, I Floor, 'Prasarana Bhavana', N.R.Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
LABORATORY FOR ELECTRO-OPTICS SYSTEMS (LEOS)
PEENYA, BANGALORE-560058. LEOS CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP (LCMG)
[Phone: (080)-22685088, 5193, 5093, 5086, Fax: (080)-28392310]

BRIEF NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIET)

On behalf of the President of India, item rate e- tender are invited for the following works:

Name of the work; NIT NO & Date : Electrical works in vertical Extension to Guest house building at LEOS, Peenya, Bengaluru-560058 NIET No: LEOS/CMG/EMW-09/2024-25 Dtd: 16.10.2024 **Estimated cost put to tender & EMD in Rs. 51.99Lakhs EMD Rs: 1,03,980/- Period of Completion in months :** 06 Months Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 21.10.2024 **Closing Date :** 07.11.2024

Name of the work; NIT NO & Date : Rate contract for supply & installation of LED light fittings at LEOS campus, Peenya, Bengaluru-560058 – for a period of one year. NIET No: LEOS/CMG/EMN-11/2024-25 Dtd: 16.10.2024 **Estimated cost put to tender & EMD in Rs. 12.62Lakhs EMD Rs: 25,240/- Period of Completion in months :** 12 Months Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 22.10.2024 **Closing Date :** 08.11.2024

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting e-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO

-Sd- GROUP DIRECTOR
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP (C&MG)
URSC, BANGLAORE.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client, **Ms. Poonam Singh Khureja** D/o Late Lotan Singh and **Mrs. Kashmiri Devi** presently residing at 3 Burgage Castle, Blessington, Wicklow-W91YV7F, Ireland, hereby inform the general public that the special power of attorney dated 13.03.2023 executed by our client in favour of one **Mr. Dhanaraj Babu S/o Ganesh P, residing at 41/1, 5th Main, 6th Cross, Raghavendra Colony, Bengaluru 560018,** in respect of Flat bearing **No. A-602,** in the project known as ELV Kingsland developed by ELV Projects Pvt Ltd has been terminated/cancelled/revoked and made void as per the legal notice dated 05.12.2023. Nothing herein shall effect any action taken by our client prior to after the notice of revocation of special power of attorney. The notice of this revocation of Special Power of attorney dated 13.03.2023 shall be binding on every person or entity has been given for the said purpose. Our client shall not be responsible for any acts done on the basis of the said special power of attorney dated 13.03.2023 and is not binding on our client. The general public are cautioned not to do any transactions on the basis of the said special power attorney dated 13.03.2023 and any acts are done our client is not liable and it is at on your own sole risk and consequences.

For **B.M. Associates**
(Advocates and Consultants)
Place : Bengaluru Date : 15.10.2024

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE J.M.F.C. AT DEVANAHALLI

Crl. Misc. No. 399/2024

Between: Sri. Venkataramanappa and others ...Petitioners
And : The Tahsildar, Yelahanka Taluk. ...Respondents

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri. Venkataramanappa S/o Late. Doddamuniyappa, aged about 76 years, R/at Arebannimangala Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Late. Muniyamma W/o. Doddamuniyappa who died on 12.03.2009** at Arebannimangala Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing **on 28.11.2024 at 11.00 A.M. in Crl.Mis. No. 399/2024.**

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 7.10.2024.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, ಮುಖ್ಯ ಲಿಪಿಕಾರರು,
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.
Address for Service:-
Sri. R.T. Nanjegowda, Advocate
Office at:- #3, New Municipal Complex, Near New Bus Stand, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE J.M.F.C. AT DEVANAHALLI

Crl. Misc. No. 398/2024

Between: Sri. Venkataramanappa and others ...Petitioners
And : The Tahsildar, Yelahanka Taluk. ...Respondents

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 7.10.2024.

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Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.
Address for Service:-
Sri. R.T. Nanjegowda, Advocate
Office at:- #3, New Municipal Complex, Near New Bus Stand, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District.

THE KARNATAKA STATE CO-OPERATIVE APEX BANK LTD.
No.1, 'UTHUNGA', Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018.
Ph: 080-26983700, 26983722, 22976600, 22976651
E-mail: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **The Karnataka State Co- Operative Apex Bank Limited.**, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **12.08.2024** calling upon the Borrowers **1) M/s. Shantharao Centre for Fine Arts Trust (R),** Shakthi, No.158/1, 8th Main Road, 8th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003, Rep. by its Chairman & Managing Trustee - **Sri T.G. Mruthyunjaya, 2) Sri T.G. Mruthyunjaya S/o. Late H. Gurappa - Trustee, 3) Smt. Gayathri Mruthyunjaya W/o. Sri T.G. Mruthunjaya - Trustee, 4) Sri Karthik Aradhya. M S/o. Sri T.G. Mruthyunjaya** - Trustee, All are residing at Flat No. 305, Renaissance Regalia, 6th Main, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003, **Personal Guarantors: 1) Sri T.G. Mruthyunjaya S/o. Late H. Gurappa, 2) Smt. Gayathri Mruthyunjaya W/o. Sri T.G. Mruthunjaya, 3) Sri Karthik Aradhya. M S/o. Sri T.G. Mruthyunjaya,** All are residing at Flat No. 305, Renaissance Regalia, 6th Main, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003 to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs. 9,53,60,944/- (Rupees Nine Crore Fifty Three Lakh Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Four Only) as on 06.08.2024** together with future interest thereon at contractual interest rate within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice..

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this the **16th Day of October of the year 2024.**

The Borrowers in Particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Limited, Head Office Branch,** for an amount of **Rs. 9,53,60,944/- (Rupees Nine Crore Fifty Three Lakh Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Four Only) as on 06.08.2024** together with future interest thereon at contractual rate of interest and costs and charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

SCHEDULE PROPERTY NO.1:

(Description of the immovable property belongs to M/s. Shantha Rao Centre for Fine Arts Trust)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.158/1 (previously western half portion of property bearing 158), Division No.(4)3, New Ward No.7, 8th Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 53 feet in all measuring 2650 Sq. feet, presently having BBMP PID No.7-28-158/1 and bounded as follows: **East by :** Property bearing present municipal No.158 belongs to Sri Mruthyunjaya and Smt. Gayathri Mruthyunjaya, **West by :** 8th Main Road, **North by :** 8th Cross Road, **South by :** Private Property.

a) Schedule property No.2, morefully described hereunder standing in the name of Sri T.G. Mruthyunjaya Chairman and Managing Trustee and Authorized Signatory of Borrower Trust and Smt. Gayathri Mruthyunjaya, who is the Director of the Borrower Trust.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY NO.2:

(Description of the immovable property belongs to Sri T.G. Mruthyunja & Smt. Gayathri Mruthyunjaya)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.158 (previously eastern half portion of property bearing No.158), Division No.(4)3, New Ward No.7, 8th Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 53 feet in all measuring 2650 Sq. feet, presently having BBMP PID No.7-28-158 and bounded as follows: **East by :** By conservancy, **West by :** Property bearing No.158/1 (Previously western half portion of property No.158) belongs to M/s. Shantha Rao Centre for Fine Arts Trust, **North by :** 8th Cross Road, **South by :** Private Property.

Date : 16-10-2024
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD
Registered Office: No.769, Spencer Plaza, 4th Floor, Phase-II, Anna Salai, Chennai, TN - 600 002

POSSESSION NOTICE
(Rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED a Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and within the meaning of section-2 (20) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Banking Company, within the meaning of section 5(C) of under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having its registered office 4th Floor, Phase-II, Spencer Plaza, 769, Anna Salai, Chennai – 600 002, and having branch offices in the various places throughout India. Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **23/07/2024** calling upon Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors **1. Mr. Pemaram V Jat, 2. Mrs. Saini, (Loan No. 700007967651 & 700007963813)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.38,90,814/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred and Fourteen Only)** as on **22/07/2024** with subsequent interest, penal interest, charges, costs etc. as per the agreement(s) within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantors/ Mortgagors, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantors/ Mortgagors in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules.

The Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of sub- section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower / Co-Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited for the amount due from the borrower(s) and interest thereon.

SCHEDULE OF SECURED ASSET/S

Property owned by Mr. A. Mr.Pemaram V Jat : All that Piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.05, New Katha No.9605/1, Old Katha No.6200, situated at southern to east side of CSI Hospital, Sir.M.Visweswaraya Layout, Hosakote Town, measuring East to West Northern side 48 feet, Southern side 45 Feet, North to South Eastern side 22 Feet and Western Side 25 Feet (48+45/2 X 22+25/2) in all totally measuring 1092.75 sq.feet., and bounded on the : Four Corners of the Said Property : East : Site No.06, West : 20 Feet Road, North : Government Dongara, South : Portion of same site who is executed GPA Mohammed Shahidulla in favour Adil Ahmed. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary/ mamool rights annexed thereto.

Date : 19.10.2024
Place : Bangalore District
Authorised Officer
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **1) SYED ABDUL RABBANI,** S/o.Mr.Syed Abdul Haseeb, Residing at # 19/1, Cock Burn Road, Sultaji Gunta Road, New Bamboo Bazaar, Bangalore-560 051 **2) KHALEEL ULLA,** S/o.Mr.Abdul Majeed, Residing at # 11, 2nd Floor, Police Quarters, Opp:HP Petrol, Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560 005, intends to purchase the Partly Residential and Partly Commercial Property Bearing **No.108,** situated at B.S.A.Road, (Nagawara Main Road), Old BBMP Ward No.90 New BBMP Ward No.60, Sagayapuram, Bangalore, from the it's vendor **Mr.S.A.AFSAR BASHA,** S/o. Mr.S.A.Syed Anwar, Residing at # 14, Shadab Nagar, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032, and who claims to be the Absolute owner thereon.

Any person who has got any Right, Title, Interest or claim and objections if any to the proposed sale transaction may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within **TEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice, failing which it is presumed that there are no claims, and no objections, and my client will proceed with the said sale transaction and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter.

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN, M.A.LL.B.,
GUFRAN .G. B.Com., LL.B.,
ZAMEER BASHA, B.A., LL.B.,
Advocates
16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, Bangalore–560 084
Cell No.9845110533
Place : Bangalore Date : 20-10-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is being given to the public at large under the instruction and upon information from our client **Mrs. SANGEETA DUDHAVARSINGH RAJPUROHIT** W/o Suresh Raj Purohit, Aged about 35 years, Resigning at No. 19 1 2nd Floor, 3rd Cross, Magadi main Road, Kamakshipalya Basaveshwaranagar, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Bengaluru -560079, whereas she is intending to buy an immovable property described hereunder from one **Mr. Lloyd Selvan** S/o Late Terrance.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that and piece and parcel of the land bearing RDPR PID No. 150200300800521572, measuring to an extent of 4046.80 Square Meters (Sy. No. 11/3 1 Acre) situated at **PEDDANAPALYA village, Tavarakere Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk, Bangalore** duly converted for non- Agricultural, industrial purpose vide order no. ALN (S.T-2) SR/63/2013-14 I issued by district commissioner, Bangalore District Bangalore dated 10.10.2014, and the plan has been approved by the Magadi planning authority vide its order No. MPA/LAO/07/2014-15, DATED 14.03.2016. And bounded on: **East By : Road; West By : Puradapalya (Shivapura) village Boundary; North By : Land bearing; Sy No. 11/13; South By : Land bearing Sy No. 11/14;**

If anybody is having any right, title, interest, claim or objection for the same, they shall file their objection with documents before the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of this public notice, failing which our client will proceed further and purchase the said Schedule Property.

Advocate
Vishal Kumar H Purohit
KAR1563/2021
BIDDAPPA & JAIN
Advocates & Consultants
#337 & 338, 1ST FLOOR, PRABATH COMPLEX, K.G ROAD, BANGALORE- 560009, Phone 7017471638.

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(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Manu M, 2) Mr. Mahadevappa	Loan Account No. 45359630001001 Loan Amount: Rs.5,00,000/-	Mortgaged Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Janjara No.174, measuring 20X30, situated at Dasarahalli Village, Dasarahalli Gram Panchayath, Bangalore East Taluk and Bangalore District and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** House belongs to Krishnappa, **North by:** House belongs to Maddurappa, **South by:** House belongs to Anjinappa.	Date of NPA: 01-10-2024 Demand Notice Date: 18-10-2024	**Rs.4,75,198.72** (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Eight and Seventy Two Paisa Only) **due as on 16-10-2024**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 21.10.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of the undermentioned security debts due to the Bank, together with further interest and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors mentioned herein below:

PART - 1

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) M/s. H M S Silk Industries, No.52, Melekote, Rehmaniya Nagar, Kanakapura - 562117. Also at, M/s. H M S Silk Industries, Sy. No. 221, Aralasandra Village, Kanakapura, Ramanagara - 562117. No.2) Mr. Majeed Shariff, S/o. Mohammed Shariff, Ward No. 12, Melekote, Near Urdu School, Kanakapura - 562117. No.3) Mrs. Majira Banu, W/o. Majeed Shariff, Ward No.12, Melekote, Near Urdu School, Kanakapura - 562117 No.4) M/s. MMS Silk Industry, No.236, Hanur Belathuru Village, Kollegala, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 571440.

Outstanding Liability Amount : Rs.1,83,35,968/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Three Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Eight only) as on **15-10-2024** plus accrued interest to be charged from **16-10-2024** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. Majira Banu, W/o. Majeed Shariff) All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Municipal Katha No. 8678/7383/A, PID No. 36-532-551, Measuring : East to West 15.240030 Meters and North to South 18.288037, situated at Ward No. 13, A. K. Colony, Melekote, Kanakapura Town, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District. Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : House of Puttaswami, North by : Road , South by : House of Chikkavenkataiah.	₹ 70,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh only)	08-11-2024 at 01.00 p.m.
Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Majeed Shariff, S/o. Mohammed Shariff) All that piece and parcel of the RCC Ground Floor, Commercial-cum-Residential Property bearing Old Municipal Khatha No. 5471/3667A Measuring : East to West 50 feet and North to South 54 feet together with 2700.00 sq. ft. situated at Rehmaniya Nagar, Melekote, Ward No. 12, Kanakapura. Bounded on : East by : Municipal Road, West by : House of Fayaz, North by : House of Fazil, South by : Municipal Road..	₹ 1,15,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh only)	08-11-2024 at 01.00 p.m.

PART - 2

Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mr. Mohammed Musadiq Pasha, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Mujamil Pasha, 2nd Block, Yarab Nagara Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159. Also at, Mr. Mohammed Musadiq Pasha, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Mujamil Pasha, Nidagatta Village, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District, Ramanagara - 571433. No.2) Mrs. Ruksana Banu, W/o. Mr. Mohammed Musadiq Pasha, 2nd Block, Yarab Nagara, Mohalla, Ramanagara - 562159. Also at, Mrs. Ruksana Banu, W/o. Mr. Mohammed Musadiq Pasha, Nidagatta Village, Maddur Taluk, Mandya District, Ramanagara - 571433.

Outstanding Liability Amount : Rs.75,26,423/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Three only) as on **15-10-2024** plus accrued interest to be charged from **16-10-2024** plus other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors.

Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank	Reserve Price	Date & Time of Auction
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. Mohammed Musadiq Pasha, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Mujamil Pasha) All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property Bearing Khatha No.309/55/115/21, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet. Totally measuring 1,500 Sq.ft., Situated at Ward No.22, Kothipura, Ramanagara. Alongwith Superstructure putup thereon. Bounded on:- East by - 15 feet Road, West by - Property of Patel Venkatappa, North by - Site No.19, South by - Site No.23.	₹ 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh only)	08-11-2024 at 02.00 p.m.
Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Mohammed Musadiq Pasha, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Mujamil Pasha) All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing Khatha No.311/57/117/23, PID No.22-4-532-479, measuring East to West 15.240030 meters or 50 feet and North to South 9.144018 Meters or 30 feet Situated at Ward No.22, Kothipura 1st Stage, Ramanagara Town, Ramanagara District. Bounded on:- East by - Road, West by - Property of Patel Venkatappa, North by - Site No.21, South by - Site No.25.	₹ 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only)	08-11-2024 at 02.00 p.m.

Venue of Re-Tender-cum-Auction: City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M.Road, 316, I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon for PART - 1 & on or before 01.00 p.m. for PART - 2. (4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m. for PART - 1 & 02.00 p.m. for PART - 2** properties on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the Sale will be by way of closed Tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an open auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed Tender process, and in such an event, the Sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of **City Union Bank Limited. (7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam
Date : 19-10-2024
Authorised Officer
City Union Bank Ltd.

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

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Why non-bank lenders continue to come under regulatory axe?

Several NBFCs and lending apps are accused of usurious loan pricing and employing heavy-armed recovery methods that include social media humiliation

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

NON-BANK Financial Companies (NBFCs) have never been under so much regulatory fire like they are in 2024.

To be factually correct, the Reserve Bank's axe has fallen on even large banks such as HDFC Bank, Bank of Baroda and Kotak Mahindra in recent times. What is more noteworthy is that all these are happening right under the watch of the present governor Shaktikanta Das, whose five-year stint on the 18th floor corner office of the Mint Road Headquarters is coming to end on December 10.

Does this mean that the regulator has become hyper-active or is it that regulated entities have become less responsive to the regulatory demands? Or is it a mix of both, along with the fast-changing technological landscape that's sweeping the financial services industry?

Analysts are in unison in placing most of the blame on the regulated entities saying the number of black-sheep is growing as the pie is galloping--there are over 9,000 RBI-registered NBFCs and close to two dozens of them are systematically important upper tier NBFCs. "It's not a question of regulatory overarching or that the monetary authority is overzealous in applying its breaks. The present governor has been most considerate in getting the industry views along while framing regulations," the head of the BFSI vertical at a foreign brokerage told TNIE.

"The current RBI administration has also been more considerate before taking stern regulatory actions. What's happening is that NBFCs in their bid to pay higher returns to their foreign/external investors are focusing only on growth at any cost. This is where they have been throwing the basic regulatory principles into the wind, so the worst breaches are spotted now," the person cited above elaborated, seeking anonymity.

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Banks
In September 2022, RBI asked Mahindra Finance to stop outsourcing loan recovery to third party agents
In March 2024, JM Financial was banned from financing against shares and debentures citing serious regulatory deficiencies in loan sanctioning process
In the monetary policy statement on October 9, governor Das cautioned NBFCs and MFIs, about prioritising excessive equity returns and expressed concern over exorbitant interest rates
In December 2021, RBI stopped HDFC Bank from on-boarding credit card new customers
RECENTLY, RBI AXE FELL ON FOUR MORE NBFCS—TWO MICROFINANCIERS AND TWO NON-BANKS

The Rogue List

Last Thursday, RBI axe fell on four more NBFCs—two microfinanciers and two non-banks, citing many a material lapse in their lending practices, with usurious loan pricing topping the list of breaches. And those facing the heat are Asirvad Micro Finance, promoted by pure-play gold loan player Manappuram Finance; Kolkata-based microfinancier Arohan Financial Services headed by Manoj Nambiar, who also is the chairman of the MFI self-regulatory body MFIN; Delhi-based non-bank DMI Finance, which only recently raised over ₹3,000 crore from the Japanese financial powerhouse MGUF; and Navi Finserv, the non-bank founded by the Flipkart co-founder Sachin Bansal. RBI banned these companies from sanctioning and disbursing new loans. The problem runs deep as several NBFCs and lending apps are accused of usurious loan pricing and employing heavy-armed recovery methods including physical threats and social media humiliation, which have taken many lives in recent years.

In January, RBI axe fell the deepest on Paytm Payments Bank when it asked the firm founded by Vijay Shekhar Sharma, to virtually cease operations from March for persistently ignoring its warnings. The ban still continues.

In March 2024, JM Financial was banned from financing against shares and debentures citing serious regulatory deficiencies in loan sanctioning process. The curbs were lifted last week. In April, Kotak Mahindra Bank felt the deepest RBI axe after it was barred from issuing new credit cards and also any mode of digital loan sales, including its mobile app, citing serious shortcomings in the bank's IT infra. The ban still continues.

Charges Against NBFCs

The main complaint against these lenders is about charging exorbitant interest charges from customers.

RBI said its ban is based on material supervisory concerns seen in their loan pricing policy in terms of weighted average lending rate and interest spread charged over their cost of funds, which are found to be highly in excess of regulations. In the monetary policy statement on October 9, governor Das cautioned NBFCs and MFIs, about prioritising excessive equity returns and expressed concern over exorbitant interest rates coupled with high processing fees and frivolous penalties.

Though interest rates are not regulated by RBI for NBFCs, the rates beyond a certain level are seen excessive saying this cannot be sustainable and against normal financial practices. However, RBI had capped interest rates for MFIs at 28% or 10 percentage points more than their cost of funds in 2011 after the SKS Microfinance crisis and the Andhra legislation banning recovery following this crisis.

After the industry stabilised, it was brought down to 24%. The biggest charges against these four companies are higher interest rates and higher interest spread citing cost of funds.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY REAL ESTATE IS NOT A RETIREMENT PLAN

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

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BUYING a home is the first preference of Millennials and Gen X in India. Millennials are people born between 1980 and 1996. Gen X people are born between 1965 and 1980. These two categories are the highest income earners, and their future investment plans include buying a home as a top priority.

In a survey of over 7,500 people of multiple generations and incomes for the industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Anarock Research, a real estate consulting firm, provides interesting insights. About 66% of the Millennials and 41% of Gen X are keen to buy a home. Regarding the young, represented by Gen Z, 39% say they want to start a business. These are people born between 1997 and 2012.

When asked about retirement, only Gen X and the previous generation, Baby Boomers (people born between 1946 and 1964), prefer that.

When people prefer physical assets for investments, that should be a matter of concern. The government of the day should take serious note of it. That means people believe retirement is possible only if you own a house. It also shows the inadequacy of retirement planning and execution at all levels.

In America, a third of households prefer real estate, according to the US Census. Most of the allocation is to financial assets through retirement accounts and investments in the stock market through mutual funds or directly. That shows the confidence Americans have in their financial system. The US government deserves to be credited for creating an environment conducive for small savers to deploy their life savings into risky assets like equity. A robust retail market for equity and bonds makes America an attractive destination not just for Americans but for foreigners, too.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

It is a no-brainer that India needs to have a robust financial system with vibrant capital markets if it wishes to realise the dream of being a developed country by 2047. It is a challenge like none other for a nation that has nearly 150 crore people.

The government must create an economy that makes investments simple for all categories of investors. India needs enormous sums to build robust physical infrastructure to drive growth. The government has highlighted that in the PM Gatishakti and other reports published by the Niti Aayog. The government must also allocate significant resources towards social infrastructure, including health, primary, secondary and tertiary education and social security.

The government also needs to invest significantly in women to boost economic growth. It makes no sense if half of the population lags in formal employment as it drags India's economic growth. A mere 5% increase in women workers could add a percentage to the GDP that hovers around 7%. In the world we live in today, there is a significant growth rate. However, it is not enough for India to achieve its domestic goal of being a developed nation by 2047.

What it means to you

The key takeaway from the FICCI-Anarock survey is that retirement and emergency funds are not a priority for Millennials or younger people.

That shows you are not seeking any professional advice or you are not getting the right advice. For industry associations of mutual funds, insurance, banks, and regulators like the Reserve Bank of India, Securities and Exchange Board of India and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority, it is a challenge to correct financial literacy.

If you glance through the financial literacy literature of the US Securities Exchange Commission, it starts with some advice on the 'pay yourself first' concept.

When you start work, you must put aside a small portion of your monthly income for your future. To the Indian government and regulators' credit, India has a vibrant stock market. It is one of the best-regulated secondary markets for securities.

However, the investment cult still prevails in urban areas. Although states like UP are witnessing increased participation, most are in risky assets like stocks and derivatives. Like primary education, financial planning and literacy must be part of the national agenda. An important topic to be taught is asset allocation. If you do not understand the concept, you will continue to hang on to physical assets.

MONEY-WISE

YOU ARE LOSING MONEY WITHOUT KNOWING IT!

FINANCIAL ADVICE

PV SUBRAMANYAM

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SEE how you have been losing money, some knowingly and some unknowingly! Some of it could be hereditary and some of it is your own behaviour.

There is now research into this – and you must be familiar with the term 'Behavioural Finance'. Let us look at some of them:

- Refusing to look at the facts! Behavioural Finance calls it 'Avoidance'. If you realize that your spouse or children are spending too much and you are too polite to talk about it.

For example, if you eat out too often and in a place that is too expensive-you have to say 'we can't afford it'. Many men live with the problem instead of confronting the facts. Refusing to ask your boss for a raise is also in this category. You are trying to avoid the discomfort. You are not avoiding the pain. Just postponing it.

- Comparing with the Joneses! By constantly comparing yourself with friends, siblings, neighbours, colleagues – you can make your life miserable. Your colleague could be the son/daughter of a rich person, so obviously can afford more expensive stuff – clothes, car, eating out locations, etc. If you make comparison an obsession, you will be poorer by a mile!
- Being afraid to invest! Many people let their money sleep in their savings account. No, not that they don't want to invest, they are just procrastinating!

Can you believe that the cash that is held by the Indians is more than the Assets Under Management of the mutual fund industry? Only this year did the AUM cross the cash. Imagine it took 60 years for this change to happen.

Investing early and making your money work harder.

- If you were not privileged enough to get a good and full education – go learn and upgrade your skills. There are many online (free or paid) lessons available for you to learn and ask for a raise or find a side gig to do! I know one typist who learnt stenography and would work part time with a lawyer. Then he upgraded himself to becoming a lawyer and started his own practice. He had come to Mumbai as a typist with just a class X passing certificate!
- Not assigning an hourly rate for your services! If you are earning say ₹60,000 per month, and you are working 25 days a month, it means you are earning ₹2,400 per day. This is about ₹300 per hour. Any work that you can outsource for less than ₹300 an hour you should outsource it – cleaning, cooking, washing clothes, home chores -whatever. You should try a side gig where you are able to earn more than ₹400 per hour. You should be obsessive about increasing this rate -either by asking your boss for a raise and / or creating a side gig.
- Not sitting with your family and creating a financial plan. If you and your family know your goals, understand Asset Allocation, start investing with the help of an advisor (or by learning it yourself), you are on the path to success!

Reliance Infrastructure's ₹6k cr fund raising plan gets shareholders nod

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RELIANCE Infrastructure on Sunday in a stock exchange filing said it plans to raise ₹6,000 crore through preferential issue of shares and qualified institutional placement (QIP) route.

Both proposals have received shareholders approval, with over 98% voting in favour of the resolutions via postal ballot. Last month, the company's board had approved a ₹6,000 crore fund raise plan. Of this, ₹3,014 crore is to be raised through preferential allotment of shares or convertible warrants, while ₹3,000 crore will be raised by QIP.

In the first phase, Reliance Infrastructure is launching ₹3,014 crore preferential placement by issuing 12.56 crore equity shares or convertible warrants at an issue price of ₹240 per share. Of this, ₹1,104 crore will be invested by the promoters of Reliance Infrastructure through promoter company Risee Infinity Private Limited. Risee will subscribe to 4.60 crore shares.

The two other investors participating in the preferential issue are Mumbai-based Fortune Financial & Equities Services and Florintree Innovations LLP. Florintree is owned by former Blackstone executive Mathew Cyriac, while Fortune Financial is owned by Nimish Shah.

Fortune Financial & Equities Services is going to invest ₹1,058 crore by subscribing to 4.41 equity shares through preferential allotment, while Florintree Innovations will invest ₹852 crore. The firm will be allotted 3.55 crore shares.. Preferential issue will enhance Reliance Infra's networth from ₹9,000 crore to ₹12,000 crore, with near zero debt.

Starbucks feels inflation heat; revenue grows at 2% in Q2

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

TATA Starbucks, a joint venture between Starbucks Coffee Company and Tata Consumer Products Limited, is facing the pinch of sluggish consumer spending in urban areas as revenue growth remained underwhelming in the current financial year.

Starbucks revenue in the September quarter grew at a subdued rate of 2%, which the company attributes to the overall slowness in the QSR segment. The revenue growth was 4% in the previous quarter. In the previous financial year (2023-24), Starbucks had posted a revenue growth of 12% at ₹1,218 crore. Starbucks accounts for around 8% of Tata Consumer Products' consolidated revenue.

Sunil A D'Souza, the CEO of Tata Consumer Products, says that the revenue growth from Starbucks is in line with what "we are hearing of across the overall QSR space." He says traffic has been an issue but not the ticket size.

"Once the consumer enters, we do see spending," D'Souza said in an analysts' call. He added that the team has put together a range of initiatives to drive traffic including launching a new classic range across both food and coffee segments with key focus on the pricing. Further elaborating the sluggish revenue growth in Starbucks, D'Souza calls it an overall consumer spending issue, especially in urban areas.

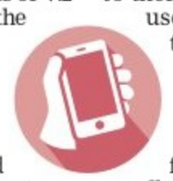
"My hypothesis is probably food inflation is higher than what we think it is, and the impact is far higher. And, therefore, there is a tightening of the belt. We also have to remember there is a shift in festival dates," he explains. Meanwhile, the company has claimed that Starbucks has become the largest café operator in India based on store count. Tata Starbucks now has 457 stores across 70 cities in the country. In the September quarter, the company opened 19 new stores and entered five new cities. The company has set a target of opening 1,000 Starbucks stores in India by 2028.

In the first half of the current financial year, the company has added 36 new stores and entered nine new cities. In the last financial year, Starbucks had opened 95 new stores. Starbucks compete with cafés like Café Coffee Day, Costa Coffee, Barista and Blue Tokai Coffee. Starbucks' nearest competitor Coffee Day Global Limited's flagship café chain brand Café Coffee Day (CCD) owns 450 cafes in 141 cities.

Chinese brand Vivo secures top spot in India's smartphone market

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

CHINESE mobile maker Vivo has captured the top spot in India's smartphone market, achieving a 19% market share by shipping 9.1 million units in the third quarter of this year. According to Canalys research, Vivo experienced a 26% year-on-year growth; it held a 17% market share with shipments of 7.2 million devices during the same period last year.



Xiaomi secures second position as it shipped 7.8 million units, while Samsung followed closely in third place with 7.5 million units. OPPO (excluding OnePlus) and Realme claimed the fourth and fifth spots, with 6.3 million and 5.3 million units shipped, respectively. "Vivo secured pole position owing to new launches in higher price bands coupled with aggressive channel margins," said Sanyam Chaurasia, Senior Analyst at Canalys.

Overall, the Indian smartphone market grew by 9% in Q3 2024, with total shipments reaching 47.1 million units. Meanwhile, brands outside the top five also performed well. Apple saw significant sales driven by the iPhone 15, particularly in smaller cities, ahead of its latest launch. Motorola and Google also contributed to market growth, thanks to their unique designs, clean user interfaces, and effective channel expansion strategies.

The report also noted that early festive demand was sluggish, affected by rising food inflation and slow urban spending on consumer durables. "Most vendors aggressively shipped devices to meet festive demand, but weaker-than-expected traction will result in inventory buildup," explained Chaurasia. He also highlighted that in Q3, both replacement and upgrade buyers leaned toward higher-priced models, encouraged by expanded mid-to-high-end offerings.

Modric becomes Real's oldest player

Luka Modric became the oldest player in Real Madrid's history while also delivering the game-winning assist in a 2-1 victory at Celta Vigo in La Liga on Saturday. At 39 years, 40 days old, the former Ballon d'Or winner surpassed the milestone held by Ferenc Puskas since 1966 by four days. Modric went on as a second-half substitute after Celta pulled level.

RED-LETTER DAY FOR NEW ZEALAND

India face 2nd home loss of 2024 as Black Caps register first Test win in country since 1988

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2024 WILL go down as the year of the big Test shocks. Shamar Joseph skittled through Australia in Brisbane in January. Bangladesh twice beat Pakistan in Pakistan in August and September. The Richter Scale would have given a substantial reading.

But there's a case to argue that the result in Bengaluru — New Zealand beating India in India for the first time since November 1988 — is right up there. India had warmed up to the challenge of the Black Caps with a 2-0 win over Bangladesh, including one which was achieved inside seven sessions. On the other hand, New Zealand had a mixed build up to the campaign. Last month, no play was possible in a Test in India against Afghanistan. Following that, they were blanked 2-0 in a series against Sri Lanka, one of which was an innings defeat. Post that series, Tim Southee resigned from captaincy.

Tom Latham, who had led the side on nine previous occasions, was asked to take control of a ship with a dodgy compass. To compound matters, Kane Williamson, making runs for fun, was ruled out of the first Test. This was pretty much going to be improbable for the Kiwis. That first session on Day Two made that thought redundant.

At the post-match press conference, captain Rohit Sharma was of the opinion that apart from the 'first three-four hours, I thought we played a very good Test'. It's true, no team should really be judged on what they do across a session of a Test. Especially a team as highly skilled as this one. Winning 18 consecutive Test series at home since 2013 is no mean feat. They remain the benchmark for all teams. But are the first cracks starting to appear? From January 2013 to December 2022, the men's team lost twice in a decade. Think about it. Across 42 long-format matches, they lost two times. And those two losses were well spread out; 2017 (on an extreme pitch in Pune against Australia) and 2021 (where toss mattered a lot in Chennai against England). Two losses across 10 years has now become three in 20 months. There may not be any flashing neon lights but it may well be the sound of a distant alarm.

It may be tempting to dismiss this result as a one-off based on 'misreading of the pitch' as Sharma suggested at the end of Day Two. But there are deeper issues. The batting transition has hit a snag. The question of who next after R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja is coming ever closer and it's a question they can't keep kicking down the road. It was very telling that Sharma didn't turn to Ashwin until the match was well and truly lost on the final day. It's true that this wasn't the offie's greatest Test but he has the numbers to back up his claim of being one of the country's greatest match-winners in this format. If you aren't going to trust him now, when are you going to trust him (on air, Dinesh Karthik wondered how much of a psychological blow this would be for the 38-year-old).

In the immediate term — for the second Test at Pune and the third one at Mumbai — they need to find a place for Sarfaraz Khan. He's an uncommon batter and he should be nurtured with a long-term goal in mind. However, that may mean curtains for KL Rahul as Shubman Gill will walk in as the designated No. 3. Sharma was coy when asked what messages he would give to the three players between now and the Pune Test. "I'm not the person who talks to individuals after every single match," he said.

India are still the favourites to come back and win the series. But the pinch of these losses, whilst infrequent, is starting to make its presence felt.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

India players walking off the field after losing the first Test on Sunday | VINOD KUMAR T

World Test Championship table

Team	M	W	L	D	PCT
India	12	8	3	1	68.06
Australia	12	8	3	1	62.50
Sri Lanka	9	5	4	0	55.56
New Zealand	9	4	5	0	44.44
England	18	9	8	1	43.06
South Africa	6	2	3	1	38.89

Period	M	W	L	D
Jan 1 2013 - Dec 31 2022	42	34	2	6
Jan 1 2023 - Oct 20, 2023	13	8	3	1

INDIA'S LAST FIVE LOSSES

vs Australia	Pune	2017
vs England	Chennai	2021
vs Australia	Indore	2023
vs England	Hyderabad	2024
vs New Zealand	Bengaluru	2024

2 This is the first time India have lost two Tests in India in a calendar year since 2012

3 New Zealand are the third side to beat India in India in a Test since the beginning of 2013

1988 This is the Kiwis' first Test win in India since 1988

New Zealand's wins in India
- Nagpur 1969
- Mumbai 1988
- Bengaluru 2024

FITNESS UPDATES

SHUBMAN GILL
The No. 3, who missed this Test because of a stiff neck, was put through an elaborate centre-wicket net session after the Test. He was timing the ball nicely and didn't seem to have any after-effects. He also had a small fielding session.

RISHABH PANT
Pant, who didn't come out to keep on the last day, is expected to feature in the second Test as a keeper. While Sharma didn't give any updates as to whether he has any scans to ascertain the impact of the blow to the knee-cap, it looked more of a precautionary measure. More will be known in the lead-up to the second Test.

MOHAMMED SHAMI
The pacer, under the guidance of bowling coach Morne Morkel, had a fairly long bowling session after the session. While his left-knee was heavily strapped, he didn't seem to have many problems while running in. However, it's still early days.

White Ferns world champions

TNIE@ WOMEN'S WORLD CUP
KALYANI MANGALE
DUBAI

New Zealand players rejoice after their victory on Sunday | AFP

WELL, all the odds are, they are in my favor; Something's bound to begin; It's gotta happen, happen sometime; Maybe this time, I'll win... sung Liza Minnelli in the debut motion picture named Cabaret, directed by Bob Fosse. Her character, Sally Bowles, a Manic Pixie *American Dream Girl* living in 1931's Berlin, through this song has an air of "desperate hope" around it.

Entering the final, both South Africa and New Zealand were *Ms Bowles*. Desperate for the World Cup trophy that has eluded them since its inception. New Zealand at least have one ODI World Cup Trophy from back in 1999 when they defeated Australia in the final at the Bert Sutcliffe Oval in Lincoln. Almost half of their squad for this World Cup was not even born then. South Africa have none. The 2023 T20 World Cup final was the first occasion where they even made it to the final. To say these two teams were desperate for glory was an understatement.

In the past, both teams have faced the brunt of peak Australia. New Zealand back in 2010 when they made it to the final only for Ellyse Perry's boot to squander their dreams off the last ball in the Caribbean. This is the first time they had made it to the final since 2010. It was not different for South Africa in their first-ever final in front of the home crowd in 2023 when Beth Mooney's habitual performance with the bat came in the way of the trophy. So once they removed Australia from making it to the final, it felt like they had already punched way above their weight.

The desperation, well it was on display in the way these two teams were eager to start the game. At the time of the national anthems, emotions flowed and how. Marizanne Kapp, the head of the South African pace bowling unit or "Bomb Squad" as they are affectionately referred to, was in tears. Sophie Devine, once her teammate at the Perth Scorchers in the Women's Big Bash League and now the opposition captain, was successful in controlling her tears, but a hug from her former captain after the anthems felt more meaningful than ever. The match ebbed and flowed right from the get-go. The moment it felt like New Zealand were on top of the operations with their scoring rate, South Africa struck with wickets. If Kapp got hit for runs Ayabonga Khaka had her back as New Zealand took 43 runs in the powerplay. Bates, who has worked as a sort of an anchor for Georgia Plimmer in the opening overs, found her groove and did not stop going even when facing some of the world-class bowling. Nadine de Klerk's introduction did tilt the momentum towards South Africa as she got the wicket of Devine, but every coming Kiwi batter was walking in with intent to make sure they go over the line. That has been the case with New Zealand in this World Cup, apart from their match against Australia, their bowling order, the mix of young and old has made their opponents pay with the tidy bowling. Exactly the same thing happened in the final under the lights when despite not losing a single wicket in the final powerplay of the World Cup they were always in the game. Amelie Kerr was the chief destructor with the ball along with Rosemary Meir and they beat South Africa by 32 runs in the end.

'Cause everybody, oh, they love a winner; So nobody loved me' said Sally later in the song. That is the one part of the song that nobody would agree with today. Even when South Africa fell short in the end, the game won. Even with two back-to-back heartbreaks in the final, South Africa will go home with all the love in the world.

Brief scores: New Zealand 158/5 in 20 ovs (Kerr 43, Halliday 38) **bt** South Africa 126/9 in 20 ovs (Wolvaardt 33; Kerr 3/24, Mair 3/25). **POTT & POTM:** Amelia Kerr 135 runs and 15 wickets.

TOP RUN-SCORER Laura Wolvaardt (SA) 223
TOP WICKET-TAKER Amelia Kerr (NZ) 15

ICC T20 WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

India go for broke but Kiwis hold ground

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
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AFTER two balls on Sunday, the impossible dream was on. Jasprit Bumrah got one to straighten after pitching on off-stump. Tom Latham was caught plumb and the small but vociferous crowd — the City had taken a lot of rain throughout Saturday night — were on their feet. On the field, the Indian fielders converged from all directions. The only way to build pressure during a small chase is early wickets. It instills belief into the bowlers while sowing seeds of doubts in the batters' minds sat inside the dressing room.

When India were defending 107 — the same total the Kiwis had to get on Sunday — against Australia in that famous Test in Mumbai in 2004, India had them 0/1 after two balls.

When teams are defending small totals, there's no use in being passive, waiting for the game to come to you. Bowlers, captain, keeper and the close-in fielders should do the opposite. They should make the game. Make it an intimate setting, like a taut thriller. Hit the pad, beat the bat, talk to the pitch as if it's a close friend, trying to coax something from it. Create a theatre for every ball, make every minute a ticketed event. The hosts had ticked all of those boxes.

For seven overs and the first half an hour, the pair of Mohammed Siraj and Bumrah, especially the latter, were landing bombs. Devon Conway, who looked so assured in his first innings, copped several blows. Even though he got three boundaries during his 39-ball stay, it was always going to be when and not if. Bumrah was again the bowler with the magic hands as a change of angle from over to round the wicket brought the leg-before into play. However, that early zip had dissipated as Will Young held fort. The remaining enthusiasm was killed when Rachin Ravindra glided and flicked the Ahmedabad pacer for two boundaries in three balls. The heavy overhead conditions continued to remain but the ball had become slightly older, the seam less pronounced. Slowly but surely, the energy levels dropped and the urgency diminished. It disappeared altogether when Young launched Jadeja over wide long on, a very symbolic moment in the innings. A couple of overs later, the final formalities were completed. A spirited Indian team had given it their all but it wasn't good enough as the visitors sealed the first Test, their first win on Indian soil since 1987.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Will Young (L) & Rachin Ravindra celebrate the win on Sunday | VINOD KUMAR T

SCOREBOARD

India 46 & 462; NZ 402 & 2nd innings: (O/n 0/0; 0.4 ovs) Latham lbw Bumrah 0, Conway lbw Bumrah 17, Young not out 48, Ravindra not out 39; **Extras** (B-4, LB-1, NB-1) 6; **Total** (For 2 Wkts in 27.4 ovs) 110; **FoW:** 1-0, 2-35; **Bowling:** Bumrah 8-1-29-2, Siraj 7-3-16-0, Jadeja 7.4-1-28-0, Kuldeep 3-0-26-0, Ashwin 2-0-6-0.

Dubai show up to cheer for the new winners

KALYANI MANAGALE @Dubai

ON Sunday, all roads in the United Arab Emirates led to the Dubai International Stadium. After being named as host venues five weeks before the opening game, Dubai and Sharjah have witnessed some of the best moments in the women's game. From Bangladesh winning their first T20 World Cup match in ten years to defending champions and tournament favourites Australia crashing out to New Zealand reaching their first final in 14 years, the list goes on.

However, on the final day, it was probably about the two finalists at the first neutral venue for the women's tournament. With the host nations making it to the final of the last two editions — Australia and South Africa — there were mixed feelings on whether Dubai would see a packed house. However, crowds rolled in to witness the newly crowned champions. There were multiple South Africa fans walking down to the ground donning either a Proteas t-shirt or mainly the Springboks (South African Rugby Team) jersey. From youngsters to families to kids, the crowd had them all. A few of them even brought creative posters to support the teams. "We can always win," said one of the posters in Afrikaans.

Amongst the fans was a 10-year-old Laura supporting the Proteas. "This will be my first women's cricket match from the stadium. I have never really played cricket, as I am a netball player and a diver, but here to support the team. I know I share the name with the South African captain, and she is my favourite player to watch," she said. For Arina, who is from South Africa, but staying in UAE for the last 11 years, it was all about supporting her home country.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Wang beats Young, wins Denmark Open title

ODENSE: Reigning Olympic champ An Se Young lost against China's Wang Zhi Yi in the women's singles final of the Denmark Open. Wang won 21-10, 21-12 against the South Korean. This is Wang's first BWF Super 750 title and her fourth title of the season.

Sultan of Johor Cup: India defeat Britain 6-4

JOHOR BAHRU: Dilraj Singh and Sharda Nand Tiwari scored a brace each as the Indian junior men's hockey team continued its winning run, beating Great Britain 6-4 at the Sultan of Johor Cup on Sunday.

PKL 2024: Jaipur clinch thrilling win vs Bengal

HYDERABAD: Jaipur Pink Panthers and the Bengal Warriorz played out a tightly contested game at the GMCB Indoor Stadium, Gachibowli, Hyderabad. Jaipur Pink Panthers had to work hard, and eventually managed to win the contest with a 39-34 scoreline.

ISL: Kerala record first win away from home

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KERALA Blasters recorded their first away victory of the ongoing ISL season as they beat Mohammedan Sporting in Kolkata on Sunday.

Blasters were made to work hard for this victory as it was the home side who took the lead after Mirjalol Kasimov converted a penalty in the 28th minute.

With just over 20 minutes of play left, the away side found the equaliser thanks to substitute Kwame Peprah's strike. Just a few minutes later, things got even better for Kerala as Jesus Jimenez scored their second goal to put them in front. With this win, Kerala jumped to fifth spot in the standings.

Kerala vs Karnataka match head for dull draw

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THE third day of play between Kerala and Karnataka at the KSCA Cricket Ground, Alur was abandoned without a ball being bowled due to a wet outfield. The second-round Ranji Trophy match is heading for a draw with the hosts scoring 161/3 after being invited to bat.

SELECT SCORES

Group A: In Cuttack: J&K 270 & 195/4 in 59 ovs (Abdul Samad batting 70; Kartik Biswal 2/25) vs Odisha 272 in 87.5 ovs (Govinda Poddar 133 n.o; Abid Mushtaq 4/84, Umar Nazir Mir 3/33). **Group B:** In Ahmedabad: Gujarat 367 vs Andhra 213 (f/o) & 203/4 in 66 ovs (Abhishek Reddy 81, Maheep Kumar 55; Ravi Bishnoi 3/67); In Dehradun: Uttarakhand 325 & 189/5 in 61 ovs (Ravikumar Samarth 57, Kunal Chandela 57 batting; Rohit Rayudu 2/20) vs Hyderabad 292; In Puducherry: Vidarbha 283 & 25/3 in 12 ovs (Sagar Udeshi 2/9) vs Puducherry 209 in 91 ovs (Arun Karthik 49; Akshay Wakhare 3/50, Harsh Dubey 3/53). **Group C:** In Alur: Kerala 161/3 in 50 ovs vs Karnakata (no play on Day 3). **Group D:** In Delhi: Tamil Nadu 674/6decl vs Delhi 264/8 in 97 ovs (Yash Dhull 103 batting; Gurjapneet Singh 2/48, Mohammed Mohammed 2/30, Washington Sundar 2/42).

Hyderabad in trouble

DEHRADUN: A lower-order batting collapse meant Hyderabad conceded first innings lead against Uttarakhand on Day 3. Wicketkeeper-batter Rahul Radesh (94) held the fort at one end but others failed to lend support as Hyderabad were bowled out for 292. The hosts were 189/5 at stumps.

Andhra made to follow-on

AHMEDABAD: Hosts Gujarat, who posted 367 in their first essay, made Andhra to follow-up after bundling them out for 213. Wicketkeeper-batter KS Bharat fell short of a well-deserved century while Nitish Kumar Reddy scored 47 but that couldn't help Andhra from avoiding follow-on. They, however, fared better in their next essay scoring 203/4 at the end of day's play. Opener Abhishek Reddy (81) and Maheep Kumar (55) gave them a solid start stitching together 131-run partnership but Andhra lost quick wickets from thereon only for Bharat and Hanuma Vihari to control the slide.

Odisha take two-run lead

CUTTACK: Riding on an unbeaten ton by their skipper Govinda Poddar (133 not out), Odisha took a slender two-run lead against Jammu & Kashmir on Day 3 on Sunday. Abid Mushtaq claimed four wickets for the visitors, who were 195/4 at stumps with the previous innings centurion Abdul Samad unbeaten on 70.

Dhull slams century

NEW DELHI: Yash Dhull, with his brilliant century (103 batting; 189b, 11x4, 3x6), singlehandedly engineered Delhi's fightback against Tamil Nadu as the hosts ended the third day's play with 264/8 in 97 overs at the Arun Jaitley stadium on Sunday. However, the hosts still trail by a huge lead 410 runs against the visitors.

Tamil Nadu, who declared their first innings on 674/6, are expected to at least earn three points from the match on the basis of first innings lead. They won the first match by an innings against Saurashtra.

Liverpool's Curtis Jones (R) scores his side's second goal against Chelsea | AP

Liverpool pass Chelsea test

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LIVERPOOL passed a major test of their Premier League title credentials to move back to the top of the table by beating Chelsea 2-1 at Anfield on Sunday. Mohamed Salah's penalty and Curtis Jones' winner made it 10 wins in 11 games for the Reds since Arne Slot took charge. Nicolas Jackson briefly levelled for Chelsea in the second half, but they slipped to a first league defeat since losing to Manchester City on the opening weekend of the season. Victory takes Liverpool one point ahead of City, who beat Wolves 2-1 earlier in the day.

UPCOMING EXAMINATIONS

PUDUCHERRY JE RECRUITMENT
Date: October 27, 2024

IBPS SO 2024 PRELIMS EXAM
Date: November 5, 2024

NMAT EXAM
Date: November 5 to December 20, 2024

The SKILLS you need

The skills required to crack questions in DILR are...

#1 Ability to analyse and understand difficult/ complicated data

This is a skill acquired through regular practice. The practise needs to involve questions of various difficulty levels and types. One approach would be to start solving all the DI & LR sets from your study material. Once this is done, it is time to move online to use online practice tests.

#2 Ability to do calculations quickly

Speed of calculations is what the students should focus on, along with practising different sets. Acquiring this skill is often easier said than done as it is difficult to get over the old habits of scribbling numbers on paper even for simple additions.

TOPICS ON THE HIT LIST

DI	LR
Caselets	Puzzles-distribution, selections, comparisons
Reasoning-based DI	Puzzles - seating arrangements
Games/tournaments	Quant-based reasoning
Maxima and minima	Venn diagrams
Tables, networks	Cubes & binary logic
Line/bar/scatter graphs/pie charts	

THE TOP SECRET TO CRACKING IT

It is one's exposure to the kind of questions seen in the DILR section of the CAT that will determine the marks that one can score in this section, in particular, and in the CAT, in general. This approach to problem-solving is not exclusive to any particular field of study. Whether students come from backgrounds like Math, Engineering, Humanities or any other discipline, they can all benefit from this exposure. It is the practice that one puts into the types of questions in this area that will prepare the mind to solve a set that was not seen earlier — the learnings from prior exposure could help in cracking the set. Unlike QA where there is more or less a specific area to study from, the questions in the section can be new, invariably compelling the student to spend valuable time on them, increasing the difficulty level of the section. This is why students often feel that this section is tough. Therefore, greater exposure will lead to better chances of performing well in this section.

sharp logic

DATA & LOGIC IN CAT

The Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR) section can be mastered with focused application of mind and practice. With the help of **Ramnath Kanakadandi,** Senior Course Director at T.I.M.E, we try to make it easier for you

IN general, two kinds of students attempt the Common Admission Test (CAT) — those weak in Quant and those weak in Verbal. The second section of the CAT, the Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR) section, is generally looked at as a bugbear by both kinds of students. This is not because of the inherent difficulty of the questions from this section, but more because of the novelty and surprise factor that these questions generally tend to bring in. That said, this section can be cracked with the right kind of preparation and effort.

QUESTIONS COME FROM...

Considering the recent CATs, the questions for this section have broadly come from areas like caselets, graphs (scatter plot/bar graph), puzzles, quant-based reasoning and so on. Other popular areas like deductions and logical connectives, coding-decoding and so on are seen not in the CAT but in other management entrance exams like Symbiosis National Aptitude Test (SNAP)/Common Management Admission Test (CMAT)/Management Aptitude Test (MAT) and so on.

PREPARE IN THIS WAY

Working out problems from the study material booklets is the best way to prepare for the different varieties of questions that appear in CAT. Puzzle books like those by Shakuntala Devi, George Summers and so on provide exposure to high-level logic puzzles and the approaches to tackle them. It is essential to practice as many sets as one can so that the approaches for different kinds of sets are well entrenched in one's mind.

DILR: Blast from the past

Let us first look at how this section was in the recent CATs

ONE key aspect to be kept in mind is that all the questions in this section are set-based. A group of questions are to be attempted using given information that is applicable to all these questions. This group of questions is called a set, in the parlance of CAT and MBA entrance exams. DILR section in the CAT, in the last two years, had 20 questions – four sets of five Qs each. CAT 2021 also had 20 Qs, but with a slightly different split – two sets of six questions each and two sets of four questions each.

While the representation of this section is slightly under 1/3rd, with 20 Qs out of a total of 66 as seen in the recent CATs, this section needs to be given equal importance in preparation at par with the other sections. So, students who feel that they need more exposure/practice may also tend to give more preparation time to this section over the others. Hence, there is no 'one-size-fits-all' rule, students should allocate their time based on their strengths in each of the sections.

MARKING SCHEME

Three marks for every correct answer, penalty of one mark for every wrong answer unless it is a FIB (Fill in the Blank) question, in which case, the penalty will be zero in this section. Fill in the blank questions are those where there will be no multiple choice options given and the test-takers need to type in their answer, which will be a term or a number.

Approaching DILR: The ultimate strategy

- Since the questions are set-based, a clear understanding and proper processing of the information can lead to correctly answering all the questions in the set. Ensure that you use your acute reasoning to deduce the correct answer.
- Even if students are not able to get a complete handle on the information, often, they would be able to answer one or two questions with the information that they can process. This would mean that even for tougher sets, there could be some hope for the student to salvage something with a proper approach.
- To be able to do this, students should ensure that they go through all the questions of the so-called 'difficult-looking' set and move on only after ensuring that the questions which can be solved quickly without consuming too much time, are solved.

Deciphering DILR

IIM Indore Director Himanshu Rai tells us what it takes to crack this section

THE Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning (DILR) section of the CAT exam is crucial, as it evaluates candidates' ability to make sense of complex data and draw meaningful conclusions such as skills that are increasingly important in today's data-centric business environment. A solid grasp of DILR not only aids in effective decision-making but also enhances critical thinking, making it an essential area of focus for aspiring managers.

One effective strategy is to practice with real-world data sets. For instance, consider how e-commerce companies use customer data for demand forecasting.

Aspiring candidates can analyse data related to product sales over different periods and examine how external factors like holidays or market trends affect these figures. Practising similar scenarios in mock tests helps familiarise candidates with the kind of analytical reasoning required in DILR.

expert take

Additionally, focus on improving speed and accuracy. One practical tip is to break down complex problems into smaller, manageable parts. A pen and paper can help here. For example, when I encounter a challenging situation, I often take a moment to sketch a quick diagram. This visual representation helps clarify the information and allows me to see relationships between different elements more clearly. By organising my thoughts in this way, I can approach the problem more methodically and make the right decision.

Engaging with contemporary case studies or business news articles that highlight data analysis can also help contextualise DILR skills. These provide real-life examples that resonate with DILR concepts. By integrating these practices into your preparation, you can enhance your proficiency in DILR, setting yourself up for success in the CAT exam.

PROFESSOR HIMANSHU RAI, Director, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Indore

CAT 2023: AN OVERVIEW OF DILR

Number of total questions	20
MCQs	14
Non-MCQs	6
Sectional time limit	40 minutes
Difficulty level	Moderate-difficult
Number of doable questions	8-9

LOGICAL REASONING: A GLOSSARY

Logical reasoning is a crucial component of the DILR section, serving as a tool to assess the strength of reasoning and evaluate the arguments presented. Here are a few key terms related to logic and their meanings that may aid your preparation

word check

CONSISTENCY: An attribute of a logical system that is so constituted that none of the propositions deducible from the axioms contradict one another

PROPOSITION: A statement that affirms or denies something and is either true or false

NEGATION: A proposition that is true if and only if another proposition is false

AXIOM: A proposition that is always true and does not require proofs or disproofs to be true

TAUTOLOGY: A statement that is always necessarily true

CONTRADICTION: Opposite of consistency

LOGICAL RELATION: A relation between proposition

COROLLARY: An inference that follows directly from the proof of another proposition

SUBJECT: The first term of a proposition

NON SEQUITUR: A conclusion that does not follow from the premises

PREDICATE: What is predicted about the subject of a proposition

INDUCTIVE REASONING: Proceedings from particular facts to a general conclusion

DEDUCTIVE REASONING: Proceedings from general facts to a particular conclusion

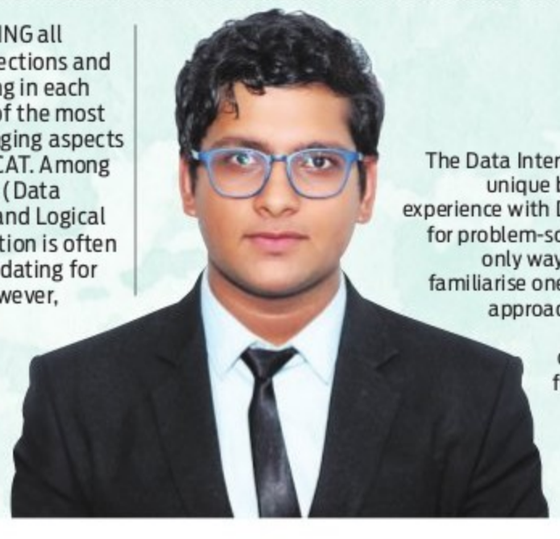
PROOF: A formal series of statements given showing that if something is a fact, then something else necessarily follows from it

PARADOX: A self-contradiction

Directions for DILR

DILR — DATA INTERPRETATION AND LOGICAL REASONING — THIS SECTION OF THE CAT IS OFTEN CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING ONES. HERE ARE A FEW TIPS FROM THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE ACED THE SECTION

BALANCING all three sections and excelling in each is one of the most challenging aspects of the CAT. Among these, the DILR (Data Interpretation and Logical Reasoning) section is often the most intimidating for candidates. However, with regular practice and a strategic approach, this section can be mastered. Here's how



Here's how they prepared for it

Saransh Gurbaxani, IIM Bodh Gaya

The Data Interpretation & Logical Reasoning (DILR) section of the CAT is unique because it cannot be mastered through coaching alone. My experience with DILR taught me that this section requires a natural instinct for problem-solving and an ability to interpret data in various forms. The only way to excel in DILR is through extensive practice, which helps familiarise oneself with different problems and enhances one's ability to approach them effectively. One of the key aspects of doing well in this section is strategic question selection. Given the challenging nature of the DILR sets, solving just two out of four sets accurately can be enough to score a 99 percentile. Personally, I relied on my instincts, choosing questions that seemed approachable based on my preparation. With a combination of focused practice and a bit of luck, DILR became one of the most rewarding sections for me.

Aryan Singla, IIM Bodh Gaya

First, I focused on thoroughly understanding seating arrangement concepts, as I believe this forms the foundation of the entire section. Once I was confident with this topic, I moved on to practising data interpretation, particularly cases. To improve in this section, I dedicated one hour daily to solving three sets. Initially, it might be difficult to solve many sets, but with consistent practice, you'll start to see significant improvement. Typically, it takes about three to four months to fully prepare for DILR, though it can be done in one to two months if you're already comfortable with seating arrangements. With the right approach and persistence, DILR can be tackled well.

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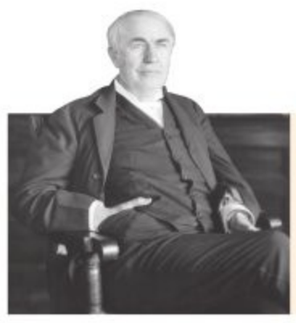

DAY'S DIARY

1st electric bulb

In 1879, Thomas Edison staged first successful test of an electric light bulb with a carbon filament. He propelled the US out of gaslight era

FIRST DEMONSTARTION

He lighted up a street in Menlo Park, New Jersey. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company ran special trains to Menlo Park in response to public enthusiasm over the event

MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Three of his most famous inventions — the phonograph, a practical incandescent light bulb, and the moving picture camera — revolutionised people's lives

A SELF-TAUGHT MAN

From childhood, he was mesmerised by echanics. With virtually no formal education, brought forth innovations that continue to dominate our lives

CE's guide to happenings in the city

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Calls for more equitable development across the country, balancing contributions with progress... Bengalureans weigh in on the controversy surrounding central tax devolution with **Dese Gowda**, as Southern states criticise the allocation formula as 'unfair'

Taxing issue

HARISH BIJOOR, business guru

I believe the formula for allocating tax revenue to the states needs revisiting. The distribution of net tax proceeds between the Centre and the states must prioritise equity, though states cannot expect a direct match between their contributions and receipts. However, the grievances of some states, particularly in the South, suggest that adjustments are necessary. Southern states, which contribute more to the national GDP, feel shortchanged. For example, Karnataka receives only 15 paise for every rupee it contributes, while Uttar Pradesh receives 2.75 rupees. Population is a key factor in the current formula and should remain so, as larger populations require more resources. Ultimately, we are one nation, and we must take care of the entire country.

SANTOSH S, IT professional

Population control policies were well implemented in the South decades ago, but it feels like these states are now being penalised for their success, while less efficient Northern states benefit from larger allocations based on population. We see inefficient use of funds in the North, where projects often collapse due to poor execution. The allocation imbalance is visible in central projects taking a back seat in Southern states, while critical areas like social security, health, and employment are neglected. If this continues, it will affect future growth and access to services like healthcare, which is already in crisis across India. Education in the South is flourishing, but the North lags, with rigged boards and poor outcomes. While tax revenue parity is becoming more visible, it's not the root cause of regional disconnect – it's the feeling that the South is punished for its progress, while Northern states benefit from inefficiency.

VINAY KUMAR, consultant

We are a federal entity, and the principle of federalism is to ensure equitable distribution for economic justice. However, it seems this ideal isn't being realised, as richer states continue to give more without seeing proportional development in poorer states. The imbalance is becoming unsustainable and risks leading to greater conflicts. While the goal is equality, we're seeing growing inequality, and there needs to be a reevaluation of how resources are distributed to achieve true progress. In states like Karnataka or Tamil Nadu, which perform better on development indices, this imbalance is even more apparent. Beyond language and regional identity, the economic disparity is fuelling discontent and requires urgent attention.

RITHWIK SIMHA, thespian

Southern states are only asking for their fair share of tax revenue, not a reward, and I don't understand why this has become such a contentious issue. The South deserves a better share because we contribute more but receive less in return, which is insufficient for our development needs. While it's true that richer states must contribute to the development of poorer ones, the current formula is outdated, and Southern states need more to address their infrastructure and growth. The argument that money is being wasted on 'freebies' is politically loaded, as all states and the central government engage in welfare measures. This debate should be centred on economics, not politics, to ensure a fair and balanced approach for all regions.

SANGEETHA DR, information security professional

The tax revenue distribution is extremely unfair given the fact that southern states are generating more revenue. Our states also have underdeveloped places that need funds. The funds required for our state's development should be allocated to us first and the remaining can be distributed. Allocating more funds to the states that are neither contributing well to the nation's revenue nor being developed just means that the money is not being rightly used. The migration of people to Southern states in search of jobs is making the major states here populous and the current infrastructure is not supporting this population. The other states must create jobs and focus on generating revenue to be self-sufficient instead of depending on other states.

WRAPPED IN TRADITION, SPUN WITH STYLE

POOJA DAS

From effortlessly styled kaftans to indo-western fusion in bold hues, the festive season is about striking the right balance between tradition and contemporary flair. Experts share how

AS the year draws to a close and we prepare for new beginnings, it is the perfect time to reflect on the months gone by and refresh your wardrobe for the upcoming celebrations. With just two months left and one of the grandest celebrations – Deepawali – just around the corner, fashion stylist Jayati Monga suggests a sustainable and stylish way to prepare by revisiting vintage treasures. "Styling a heritage saree with a contemporary blouse and some traditional earrings can instantly elevate your look," she recommends, encouraging a raid of your mother's or grandmother's wardrobe for timeless pieces to put a modern twist on.

Fusion in vogue

With vibrant hues like rani pink, lime green, and deep purple taking centre stage, Monga says that this season is about bold and eye-catching elegance. Indo-Western fashion is taking the spotlight, especially for those who love mixing modern silhouettes with traditional elements. Digital creator Zohara Jamal echoes this sentiment, noting how wrap skirts are a must-have for the festive season. "They're trendy, flattering on any body type, and perfect for festive occasions," she adds. Pairing a wrap skirt with a sequined crop top allows for seamless transitioning between a Deepawali party and a more casual event, making it ideal for a busy festive schedule. "It's festive season but also party season," says Jamal. "So it's all about finding an outfit that works for both."

Lehengas continue to be a festive favourite, but this season it's all about giving them a modern spin. Anupa Sahu, a Bengaluru-based beauty content creator, suggests styling a lehenga with either a tube top or an off-shoulder corset to add shape and drama. This mix of elements creates a bold, flattering look. "To complete the ensemble, pair it with either a messy or a clean bun and soft nude lips for a striking contrast," she adds.

Another classic ensemble, Anarkali, Monga says, is making a strong comeback. "This will be my go-to this season. Pair an Anarkali suit top with matching churidars and a contrasting dupatta already in your wardrobe. It's chic, timeless, and comfortable," she adds. "Accessories like chandbalis, some cuff bracelets, and a blingy mini purse can help elevate any simple outfit into a Deepawali outfit."

Comfort and elegance

Sahu highlights that kaftans, a versatile garment known for their flowy and comfortable silhouette, have also been trending this festive season. "For styling kaftans, I'd pair them with chunky brass jewellery – bold brass earrings or stacked brass bangles. Those big, chunky accessories can add an extra layer of festivity," she adds.

"Kaftans have become popular because they resonate with people living in fast-paced urban environments like Bengaluru, where comfort is key," says Prakruti Gupta Rao, co-founder of The Kaftan Company, who believes that pairing it with statement jewellery like chandelier earrings can instantly elevate the outfit. "You can also add a belt to cinch the waist for a structured silhouette or drape a shawl or dupatta for a traditional touch," shares Gupta Rao. Monga adds that along with statement earrings, keeping the neck bare will make the outfit shine further. "Go for a slick bun and some Kolhapuri chappals or juttis to complete the look," she explains.

Classic with a twist

When it comes to festive beauty, it's all about creating the right balance between bold and subtle. Sahu shares her tips for creating stunning Deepawali makeup looks. "Classic makeup always works," she says. "Subtle eyes paired with bold lips with a pop of colour, or even a dramatic eye look with nude lips can elevate anything." For those wanting to experiment further, Anupa recommends blush layering – a trend that's gaining popularity for both traditional and contemporary styles.

CITY READ

Women's group hosts conference

Millennium Mams', a non-profit organisation aimed at empowering women through financial literacy, hosted a conference on October 15 at Shangri-La Bengaluru, to celebrate the graduation of their 'Buffet Club' members. The event started with an address from Chacko P Thomas, Group Chief Sustainability Officer, Tata Sons, who spoke about mega-trends that are affecting global sustainability today. Later, Dilip Jose, CEO, of Manipal Healthcare, provided an introduction to healthcare delivery in India. Sunita Roque, a member of Millennium Mams' and a part of the organising committee, said, "One of the big parts of financial literacy is listening to such speakers...You need to know what the management is about and what they stand for."

Temple celebrates festival of lights

ISKCON is celebrating its annual Deepotsava festival till November 15 at Hare Krishna Hill, Rajajinagar, and till November 30 at Vaikuntha Hill, Kanakapura Road, from 7pm to 9pm. The celebrations will commemorate Damodara-lila, the tale of baby Krishna stealing ghee and being bound with rope by his mother Yashoda. Thousands of lamps will illuminate the altar, where devotees can participate in a grand arati while singing the Damodarashtaka and offering ghee lamps.

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THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Mu 2) Puntarelle 3) Nagaimo

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1. Priya Kumari 2. Mohit N 3. Rachita Aggarwal

FUSION VIBES

Kerala-origin multi-genre musical band, Thaikkudam Bridge, enthrals the audience at the ninth edition of October Octaves held at the Prestige Centre For Performing Arts, Konanakunte | **ALLEN EGENUSE J**

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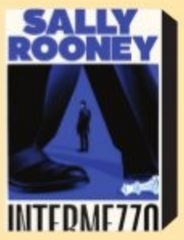
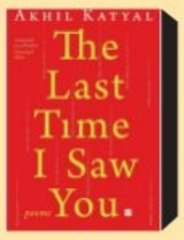


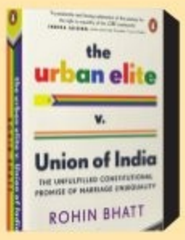
Intermezzo
By Sally Rooney

From the author of the bestseller Normal People, Intermezzo deals with the complicated relationship between two brothers, Peter and Ivan Koubek as they traverse the path of desire, despair and possibility.



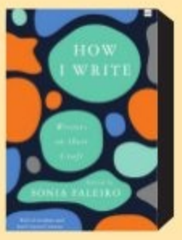
The Last Time I Saw You: Poems
by Akhil Katyal

This poetry collection tells the story of how we encounter grief. It lays out the poet's experience of an event of loss and its aftermath. Grappling with raw and intense emotions, the poems are also suffused with the spirit of human resilience.



The Urban Elite v. Union of India: The Unfulfilled Constitutional Promise of Marriage (In)Equality
By Rohin Bhatt

From covering the arguments of the petitioners and the opposition for the decriminalisation of Section 377, to the author's own story of fighting for queer rights, this book is a first of its kind which delves into the courtroom scenes.



How I Write: Writers on Their Craft
By Sonia Faleiro

This landmark collection features intimate interviews with poets, novelists, translators and non-fiction writers, all of whom share a deep connection to the South Asian experience.

NATURE OF EXISTENCE

Renowned artist Devajyoti Ray, known for his unique artistic style that explores Pseudorealism, explains one of his art installations, on display at the Dwija Art Gallery | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

PROVENCALE PEPPERS

INGREDIENTS

- **Onion, garlic:** 2 tbsp
- **Pork/chicken mince:** 350 g
- **Bell peppers:** 4
- **Parmesan:** 3 tbsp
- **Eggs:** 2

METHOD

- Heat olive oil. Cook onion and garlic until tender. Add ground meat and cook until browned.
- Add vegetables and cook for five more minutes, then remove from heat.
- Mix one bread slice and two tablespoon milk together, then mix into ground meat. Add eggs and herbs and mix well.
- Stuff the bell peppers with the ground meat mixture, sprinkle parmesan, and bake at 400 degree Celsius oven for 30 minutes till the tops are lightly browned.

Contributed by **Sheila Kumar**, Delhi

DR VIVEK ARORA

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi

Parvovirus, Leptospirosis, Kennel cough, Rabies, Gum diseases, Cataracts are common diseases of dogs. Is there any particular age to get all these tests done or are they covered by vaccination?

Vaccinations cover several of these diseases, such as Parvovirus, Leptospirosis, Kennel Cough, and Rabies, with initial puppy shots followed by boosters. Regular boosters are crucial to maintain immunity. For gum disease and cataracts, these aren't covered by vaccinations; instead, regular dental check-ups and eye exams are recommended. Typically, routine vaccinations are given in puppyhood and then annually or biannually based on the vaccine type and your vet's advice. Monitoring your dog's health as she ages will help catch issues like gum disease and cataracts early.

ASK AN XPERT

FITBIT

STANDING PELVIC CIRCLES

This is a variation from the base pose of Tadasana (Mountain Pose). As new practitioners have varying abilities, a given yoga pose, which may be easy for a particular learner but hard for another. In such cases, as a yoga teacher you can introduce pose variations to further challenge a practitioner. Though a simple dynamic movement of the upper body, which involves the rotating of the pelvic girdle, has many benefits, including improved flexibility of the hips and the lower back.

STEPS

- Stand at the centre of the mat in Tadasana Variation Feet Hip Wide (Mountain Pose Variation Feet Hip Wide) and take a few breaths.
- Breathe and take the hips to the right, then to the left, making a full circle. Continue these Standing Pelvic Circles for 12 rounds as you coordinate the breathing process both in clockwise and anticlockwise directions.
- Finally, release the pose, come to stand back in Tadasana and then relax.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have any injury in spine, hips, knees, or wear and tear of the tissues and ligaments, undergone any surgery of internal organs or related parts, suffering from a slipped disc or having severe back pain, should avoid this practice.
- If senior citizens, pregnant women, or other students, find imbalance while standing, they can choose to practise it while seated on a chair or on the floor.

BENEFITS

- Helps stretch the gluteus, hamstrings, quadriceps, pelvic floor muscles, lower back, and abdominal muscles.
- Helps strengthen the leg muscles and the lower back.
- Encourages the prana flow from the base of the spine to the entire body.
- The muscles, tendons, and tissues are stimulated keeping a good balance in the body.
- Helps encourage awareness of the breathing process.
- Improves blood circulation.
- Regular practise of this pose improves the strength of the spine.
- Stretching helps to reduce the excess fat and gives a toned look to the hips, tummy, abdomen, and chest.
- Helps the functioning of respiratory, reproductive, digestive, and nervous systems in the body.
- Women in their third trimester can practise this pose in a slow and restorative way, for easy delivery.
- Women with endometriosis, or during the time of menopause can benefit from this practice.
- Good for senior citizens and those with arthritis. Can do it under the guidance of a yoga teacher.
- Teachers can encourage students who spend long hours at the desk to help ease the lower back, hips, and shoulder stiffness.
- Practising 12 rounds clockwise and anticlockwise, each, is a good way to release tensions at the hips and energise the body and mind.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Strength Unleashed

Learn Muay Thai, an ancient martial art incorporating punches, that also offers a full-body workout. Led by a seasoned coach, it is suitable for all skill levels.

WHEN: October 21, 5pm
WHERE: The Fit Ground, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Beach & Rides

Enjoy a family day out with rides, slides, and a man-made beach. Relax at the bistro and stay for an evening multimedia show. Safety measures ensure a fun and secure experience.

WHEN: October 21, 12pm
WHERE: Jollywood Studios And Adventure, Bidadi
CALL: 70096 77009

Creative Lights

Create beautiful, aromatic candles for Deepavali under expert guidance. All materials are provided, making it perfect for beginners. Enjoy a hands-on, festive craft experience.

WHEN: October 21, 5pm
WHERE: Paint Café Studio, Whitefield
DETAILS: paintcafe.in

Music that Connects

Explore the spread of music across Asia at this unique listening room session, where you get a sneak peek of Kantha, a music festival that will debut this year in Bengaluru, spread across 16 days at Freedom Park, as part of Bengaluru's BLR Hubba.

WHEN: October 22, 7pm
WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Mondays with Art

Join a tufting workshop to make your own 8-inch or 14-inch rug. Learn tufting techniques in this three-hour session, perfect for creatives looking for a unique experience.

WHEN: October 21, 11am
WHERE: Tufting Studio BLR, Langford Town
CALL: 9739360388

Dance & Rejoice

Join this Bollywood for Beginners class and learn iconic dance moves, improve flexibility, and boost your energy. Experience fun choreography while enjoying the vibrant culture of Hindi cinema.

WHEN: October 21, 7.15pm
WHERE: LVDS, Indiranagar
DETAILS: insider.in

Festive Concert

Experience popular singer **KS Harishankar's** chart-topping hits in a night of soulful South Indian cine music.

WHEN: October 26, 4.30pm
WHERE: Nexus Mall, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

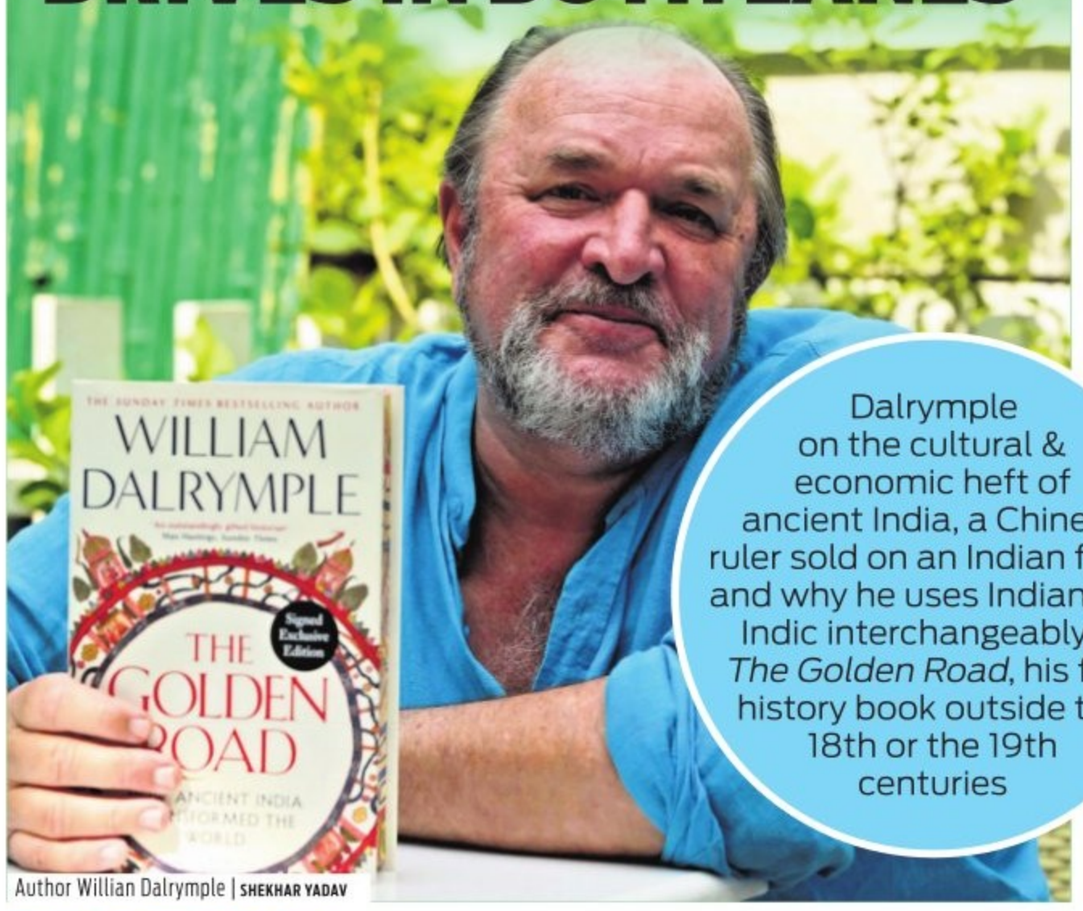
ARTCORNER

A VISUAL CONTRAST

Artist Shiffali Wadhawan explores a blend of realism and symbolism, capturing everyday objects with wildlife in a metaphorical interpretation

INDIAN OR INDIC? WILLIAM DALRYMPLE'S GOLDEN ROAD DRIVES IN BOTH LANES

PARAMITA GHOSH



Author Willian Dalrymple | SHEKHAR YADAV

Dalrymple on the cultural & economic heft of ancient India, a Chinese ruler sold on an Indian faith, and why he uses Indian and Indic interchangeably in *The Golden Road*, his first history book outside the 18th or the 19th centuries

INDIA has not been just a career for author William Dalrymple. He has engaged with it and particularly with Delhi from the peripheries, from its centre, and has followed its various masters and power flows through the centuries, with affection and empathy. The principal pleasure of his books, however, is the characters who might have wilted and become the ghosts of history had he not put them at the centre of his storytelling by crafting a narrative from available archival material. For *The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World* (Bloomsbury), his first history book outside the 18th or the 19th centuries, the challenge he faced, compared to the Mughal period or when he was working on the East India Company books, was of too few sources. The argument at its heart is an interesting one. It points to an Indosphere – the spread of Indian culture, mathematics, architecture, and sculptural ideas for over 1,500 years (250 BCE – 1200 CE) across a vast area of Asia, acquiring local forms.

Excerpts from a conversation with the author follow.

***City of Djinns, White Mughals, The Last Mughal.* You've had quite a medievalist's focus. What made you shift to ancient India?**

The ancient world was always an original interest. My first trip to London from Scotland at about seven was to see the Tutankhamen exhibition. Every summer, I went around working on archaeological digs at Orkney, Dorset – archaeology has always been an abiding interest. *The Golden Road* is long overdue, it is the first time I have written a history book outside the 18th or 19th centuries — I have written scholarly articles on it in journals and magazines, though — and it's a lot more difficult b cause there are such few sources.

Wu Zetian is a remarkable find of the book – a Chinese ruler quite sold on the geo-cultural region that is now India, importing from there not just Buddhism, and making it the state religion, but also appointing 'Indians' to positions of prominence in her court.

Not just Wu Zetian, but other rulers of East Asia were giving Brahmins and monks prominence in court because they introduced written scripts and numeracy. As for Wu, she wanted power in a Confucian system that doesn't give women power. She relied on the Nalanda monks to give her legitimacy through Buddhism – they came up with bogus prophecies anointing her

Chinese actor Fan Bingbing as Wu Zetian in 2015 TV Series *The Empress of China*

Maitreya, a future Buddha. Their place in court came from their usefulness and not just because she loved Indian culture.

In your book in some places, you have used India and Indic interchangeably or switched between Hinduism and Shaivism while we know that it is only through the encounter with the East India Company and its conquest of Bengal that 'Indians' began to think in terms of India as a nation-state. Prior to that, this was thought in terms of a far more variegated Indic civilisation.

There has always been a very clear idea of India as a single geographical, cultural, and sacral unit. When Alexander the Great turns up here, in Roman geographer Strabo's account, the sadhus give him a very clear answer of their homeland, as one that is bounded by the Indus on the west, the Ganges on the east, an ocean in the south....When Xuanzsang enters Jalalabad in the 7th century CE, he says, I'm entering 'five Indias' made up of 'more than 70 kingdoms' so this was recognised as a coherent cultural unit by both insiders and outsiders, and it doesn't matter that, unlike China, it was not a single political unit.

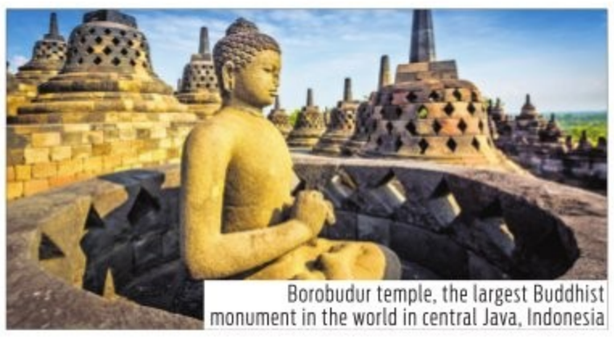
The Silk Road is commonly thought to be a network of trade routes connecting China and the Far East with Europe. You say it's a myth. Please elaborate on this, and also do detail what is the arc of *The Golden Road*. Is 'Golden Road' your invention?

Yes, the phrase 'Golden Road' is my invention and with it, I have tried to express what to my mind is a more accurate account of ancient trade based on India as the centre rather than China. In fact, the Romans and the Chinese had no idea about each other's existence. No single Roman coin hoard was ever found in China; Rome and China simply did not trade with each other. On the other hand, southern India and Sri Lanka were the largest trading partners of the Roman empire and there is ample proof of that.

Ferdinand von Richthofen, a German geographer and traveller, is credited with popularising the term 'Silk Road' in 1877. The Silk Road didn't enter English before 1936; in the 1980s it became a popular phrase. Now it's almost an academic fact but it simply isn't true that before the Mongols created a highway running East-West between the Mediterranean and the South China Sea in the 13th century. A Silk Road trading with the West is a myth in the classical period. The Silk Road only got going in the 13th century when the Mongols smashed through the middle of Asia and linked the Mediterranean to the South China Sea. So, Marco Polo in the 13th century could move from the Mediterranean to Xanadu without leaving the Mongol empire so at that point the Silk Road was a real road moving from East to West. But in the Roman period, there was no direct East-West trade at all. But there is plenty of evidence of traffic between India and the West.

Strabo visited a port where 250 vessels left in a great fleet to go to India. And Pliny, a famous Roman naval commander, talked of how India was 'the drain of all precious metals of the world.' The Muziris Papyrus, an invoice of an Alexandrian importer that has survived, is another astonishing document of proof. Here is an inventory of not only all objects, including two tonnes of ivory and pepper, he was importing in a single first-century ship from India, but it also gives the prices and custom rates and shows that had this container reached its destination safely, it would have generated enough cash for the importer to buy one of the largest estates in Roman Egypt or Tuscany with enough money left over to join the Senate.

The Golden Road gets going in my view with the Roman conquest of Egypt — the Battle of Actium with the death of Marc Antony and Cleopatra leads to the integration of Egypt into the Roman empire and you had ships sailing in both directions. So, the 1st century BCE to the 5th century CE is when the western branch of the Golden Road was at its peak. Then Rome collapses and you have Tamil trading guilds turn eastward majorly from this point and ships start moving through the Malacca Straits to the Mekong Delta, and eastern ports open up, and you find wooden Buddhas turning up in Thailand, Malaysia, and Shivalingams in Vietnam, Cambodia. And suddenly, you have Southeast Asian chieftains giving themselves Sanskritic names with their temples growing larger than any in India such as the one in Borobudur (Indonesia), the largest Buddhist monument in the world, and Angkor Wat, the largest Hindu temple in the world and 10 times the size of any temple in India — all this pointing to an Indosphere where Indian music, dance, mathematics, architecture, and sculptural ideas spread for over 1,500 years (250 BCE – 1200 CE) across a vast area of Asia acquiring local forms. In fact, when Tagore visits Angkor Wat he remarks: "Everywhere I see India but I cannot recognise her."



Borobudur temple, the largest Buddhist monument in the world in central Java, Indonesia

The Indian right looks at the ancient Indian civilisation and sees the modern nation-state as its continuum. Do you think *The Golden Road* has certain strands that run the risk of a similar reading?

There is a view in India that those who write about the Mughals are somehow Marxist-Lefties and those who write about ancient India are RSS wallahs. I am of the belief that no one political persuasion should be allowed to appropriate an entire period of history. History is to be studied and examined critically and looked at sceptically, which is why one-quarter of the book is footnotes of primary and secondary sources.

I don't think this story of ancient India has been told before in this form – earlier they were pigeonholed in different silos – in one narrative. For example, up to now, the Buddhist story was told as part of the Silk Road story so it became a story of China, or the story of Indian numbers was told as part of the story of science. I'm saying that India in this period had an empire of spirit, not of the sword. So, I would like to believe that the effect of Indian thought at this period is like a huge stone thrown in the middle of a still pond and the ripples are running outwards in all directions.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MADHUSMITA BEHERA, D/o. AJAYA KUMAR BEHERA, residing at #19/B, 3rd Cross, KPC Layout, Kasavanahalli, Bengaluru 560035, have changed my name to **MADHUSMITA PRIYADARSHINI BEHERA** vide Affidavit Dated: 19/10/2024, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUNITHA MANOHAR KALRO, D.O.B: 27.12.1963, W/o. Manohar Madhawdas Kalro, Residing at No. 78/5A, Yamuna Bai Road, Madhavnagar, Bengaluru -560001, Karnataka,
have changed my name to **SUNITA MANOHAR KALRO** vide affidavit dated: 19.10.2024 before notary GANGARAJU .B.N., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANDEEP KUMAR A. K, aged about 42 years, residing at Flat No.401, Sri. Sai Himaja Apartment, No.307/2, Nyanappanahalli Main Road, 11th Cross Road, Devarachikkana Halli, Bengaluru - 560076, have changed my minor son's name from **SOUMITH REDDY.S to SOMASHEKAR REDDY.S,** vide affidavit dated 19/10/2024 sworn before P.N.Nagesha advocate and notary Bangalore.

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I, **Indira Prasad Bhandari,** Aged about 57 years, D/o Late K S Prasad @ Kikkeri Srinivasan Prasad, W/o Nitin Bhandari, R/a No.119, 10th Main, 7th Cross, Near Sanky Tank, RMV Extention, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore have changed my name to **Indira Bhandari** vide affidavit dated 07/10/2024 sworn before notary K Ramegowda, Bangalore.

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I, KANDERIBALAPRIYA (DOB: 10-06-1979) W/o R Manohar Naidu R/o: House No. 9, Siri Nagar Layout, IAF Post, BSF Sts Circle, Bagulur Main Road, Kattigenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064 have changed my name from **KANDERIBALAPRIYA to K BALAPRIYA** vide Affidavit No. 121/Vol. 29/ Pg. 85, Dated: 18-10-2024, sworn to before Notary Public G.P CHAYA Bangalore.

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I, RAVILLA MANOHAR (DOB: 12-04-1974) S/o R Narayana Swamy Naidu R/o: House No. 9, Siri Nagar Layout, IAF Post, BSF Sts Circle, Bagulur Main Road, Kattigenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064 have changed my name from **RAVILLA MANOHAR to R MANOHAR NAIDU** vide Affidavit No. 120/Vol. 29/Pg.85, Dated:18-10-2024, sworn to before Notary Public G.P CHAYA Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, VINAYAK PATIL (OLD NAME), aged about 47 years, S/o Krishna Rao, residing at No 35, Srinidhi Nilaya, Swatantra Nagar, 1st Main, Devasandra Main Road, K. R. Puram, Bengaluru 560049, Karnataka State, have changed my name to **VINAYAK KRISHNA RAO PATIL (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 14/Oct/2024, sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED AAFTAB** R/at No.452, 14th Cross, Fathima Layout, Govindapura, Bengaluru- 560045 have changed my name to **MOHAMMED AFTAB** vide affidavit dated: 28/9/2024 Before Notary **L.Puttaraju** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SANTOSH KUMAR MAHALE** S/o **Shankar Mahale** R/at No.895/H24, K H B Colony, Prabhat Nagar, Honavara, Uttara Kannada- 581334 have changed my name to **SANTOSHKUMAR SHANKAR MAHALE** vide affidavit dated: 17/10/2024 Before Notary **Puttaramaiah** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SEETHALAKSHMI** D/o Somasundaram, age 67 years, R/at No. 50/3, 1st Floor, State Bank of Mysore Colony, Chunchagatta, Near Srinidhi Sree Venkateshwara Temple, Srinidhi Layout, 1st Main, 5th Cross, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Konanakunte Post, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560 062, have changed my name from **SEETHALAKSHMI SOMASUNDARAM** to **SEETHALAKSHMI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SEETHALAKSHMI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th Oct. 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **AMBRESHAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VENKATAPPA,** S/o Shamappa, age 52 years, R/at No.5, Front Portion, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, APC Layout, Lake Shore Garden, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560 097 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **VENKATAPPA, VENKATAPPA SHAMAPPA** and **VENKATAPPA BOIN** are one and the same and refers to me only, in future my name will be **VENKATAPPA BOIN,** vide affidavit dated 19-10-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. VENKATASUBBA REDDY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HARSHA ANIL,** Son of L. ANIL KUMAR, resident of No. 287, 5th Cross, 5th Main Road, A Block, RHCS Layout, 2nd Stage, Srigandhada Kaval, Viswaneedam, Bangalore-560091, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **HARSHA ANIL KUMAR** to **HARSHA ANIL** vide affidavit dated 18.10.2024, sworn to before C.K. Anupama, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Venkatesh Sharma Madihalli Ramanuja,** son of Late M V Ramanuja Sarma, aged 64 years, residing at Flat No. C-602, Elegant Terraces, V Legacy Road, Near V Legacy Kalyana Mantapa, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Hosakerehalli, Bangalore- 560085, do hereby solemnly affirm that my name is recorded as **Ramanujavenkatesh Sharma Madhihalli** in different records. I say all the names belong to the same person i.e. myself vide affidavit dated 03-10-2024 before Notary B.K.R. Krishnamurthy, Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **Venkatesh Sharma Madihalli Ramanuja** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MOHAMMED IRFAN** S/o Abdul Latheef Residing at #515, 9th Main, 2nd Cross, Kavika Layout, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560026 have changed my daughter's name from **LAIBA FATHIMA** to **ALISHBA FATHIMA** Vide affidavit dated 18-10-24 sworn before notary B.S. Padma Prasad, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VISHVANATHA SOSALAGERE JAGANNATH (OLD NAME), aged about 48 years, S/o jagannath sosalagere kantharaje gowda, residing at Sosalagere Village, Nuggehalli Hobli, Akkanahalli Post, Channarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District 573131, Karnataka State, Today Camping at Bengaluru, have changed my name to **VISHWANATH SOSALAGERE JAGANNATH (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 16/oct/2024, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MUBIN TAJ** R/at No.452, 14th Cross, Fathima Layout, Govindapura, Bengaluru- 560045 have changed my name to **MUBEEN TAJ** vide affidavit dated: 28/9/2024 Before Notary **L.Puttaraju** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANOHARLAL NARAYANADAS** (Old Name), Aged about 69 Years, S/o. Narayanadas, R/at D-26, Golden Enclave, Old Airport Road, HAL, Near Manipal Hospital, Bengaluru North, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017, declare that I have changed my name from **MANOHARLAL NARAYANADAS** (Old Name) to **MANOHARLAL KANDHARI** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANOHARLAL KANDHARI** (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 18/10/2024 before Notary **A.R.MUNEER AHMED,** at BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GULNAZ FATIMA,** Wife of Nasrullah Abdullah Nasser, R/a No. 218, 4th D Cross, III Stage, HRBR Layout, Kalyanagar, Bangalore have changed my name to **GULNAZ FATIMA NASSER,** vide affidavit dt.16/10/2024 before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **R. SHAMANTH,** aged about 20 years, S/o G. Ravichander, R/at#278, 9th Cross, 5th Main, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 076 declare that both names **R. SHAMANTH** and **G R SHAMANTH KARTHIK** are one and the same person and for all official purposes, I may be known and called as **R. SHAMANTH,** vide affidavit dated: 16-10-2024, sworn before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Poorvi S Patil,** Resident of J2-001, Godrej Eternity Apartment, Holiday Village Road, Mallasandra, off Kanakapura Road, Thalaghattapura PO, Bangalore - 560 062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Poorvi Patil** to **Poorvi S Patil** vide affidavit dated 19.10.2024 sworn to before P. Anuradha, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KANTILAL BHOORMAL (OLD NAME), aged about 57 years, S/o Late Hanjarimal, residing at No 34, Shankara Park, Shankarpuram, Bengaluru 560004, Karnataka state, have changed my name to **KANTILAL HANJARIMAL JAIN (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 01/oct/2024, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GREGORY IMMACULATE GENEVIEVE** W/o **Raj Louis** R/at No.171 5th Main 1st Phase Railway Layout Off Ullal Main Bhavani Nagar Bengaluru-560056 have changed my name to **GREGORY IMMACULATE GENIEVIEVE** vide affidavit dated: 17/10/2024 Before Notary **A.R.Muneer Ahmed** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NATHAN SAM JOSEPH PETER** S/o **PETER SAM THANGAVELU** (Father) **and GETZI LINET KULASEKARAABRAHAM** (Mother), resident of No. 51, 2nd Cross Road, Ranka Nagar, Kaval Byrasandra New Extension, RT Nagar Post, Bengaluru- 560032, KARNATAKA, India, holding Indian Passport Number G1427368, have changed my name from **NATHAN SAM JOSEPH PETER** to **NATHAN SAM JOSEPH** (Real and Final Name) sworn vide affidavit dated 16-08-2024 before Notary **N. Peruvazhuthi,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DHAKSAYANI .S @ DHAKSAYANI,** D/o Sri Srinivas S.K, age 21 years, R/at No. 222, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Near Venkataramanaswamy Temple, Agara, Bengaluru-560 102 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **DHAKSAYANI .S** and **DHAKSAYANI** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **DHAKSAYANI SRINIVAS,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **DHAKSAYANI SRINIVAS** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18-10-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M.K. Bopaiah** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NIDHI K RAJ,** D/o Kemparaju, age 23 years, R/at No. 9, 1st Main Road, Gavipura, Near Nirman Public School, Ullal, HBCS Layout, Bengaluru-560 056 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **NIDHI KAGGALIPURA RAJ** and **NIDHI KEMPARAJU RAJ** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **NIDHI KEMPARAJU RAJ** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th October 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAVI KUMAR .V** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **TEJASHWINI .M,** D/o Murthy .N, R/at No. 1143, Bannerghatta Main Road, Kembathahalli, Gottigere, Bangalore South-560083 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ASHWINI .M** to **TEJASHWINI .M,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **TEJASHWINI .M,** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th Oct. 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Usha S Patil,** Resident of J2-001, Godrej Eternity Apartment, Holiday Village Road, Mallasandra, off Kanakapura Road, Thalaghattapura PO, Bangalore - 560 062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Usha Patil** to **Usha S Patil** vide affidavit dated 19.10.2024 sworn to before P. Anuradha, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, REEMA MAHENDRA KUMAR JAIN (OLD NAME), aged about 33 years, W/o Karan Baliya, residing at No 2, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru 560027, Karnataka State, have changed my Name to **REEMA JAIN (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit dated 08/Oct/2024, sworn before Notary Gangaraju. B. N. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KANTARAJ S N** S/o **Nandyappa Sultanipura Kallappa** Aged about 43 Years R/at No. 33, Sultanipura, Nerligi Post, Davangere Dist-577556 have changed my name to **KANTHARAJ S N** vide affidavit dated: 18/10/2024 Before Notary **B.M.Chandrashekar** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DEEPA S NETALKAR** R/at No.714, 10th A Main Road, 4th Block, Jayanagar Bengaluru- 560011 have changed my name to **SANJANA SURAJ NETALKAR** vide affidavit dated: 18/10/2024 Before Notary **Sivakumara M.N** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PULIKESHI CHANNABASAPPA MATHAD,** S/o Channabasappa Mathad, age 42 years, R/at No. 209, 2nd Floor, Pinnacle Apartment, Hirindehalli, Virgonagar Post, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560 049 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **PULIKESHI C MATHAD** and **PULIKESHI CHANNABASAPPA MATHAD** and **PULIKESHI MATHAD** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **PULIKESHI CHANNABASAPPA MATHAD** only, vide affidavit dated 16th October 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T. MALLIKARJUNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRIYA .V BOIN,** W/o Venkatappa Boin, age 44 years, R/at #5, 2nd Cross, APC Layout, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560 097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRIYA JOSHI** to **PRIYA .V BOIN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **PRIYA .V BOIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 01-10-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VANI .G.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAHAVEER SOLANKI, S/o. Late Sohanlal Solanki, residing at #A3-303, Parasmani Regency, 8th Cross, 7th Main, Opp to Indian Bank, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru 560011, have changed my name to **MAHAVEER KUMAR SOLANKI** vide Affidavit Dated: 19/10/2024, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sudhirkumar S Patil,** Resident of J2-001, Godrej Eternity Apartment, Holiday Village Road, Mallasandra, off Kanakapura Road, Thalaghattapura PO, Bangalore - 560 062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Sudhirkumar Shankaragouda Patil** to **Sudhirkumar S Patil** vide affidavit dated 19.10.2024 sworn to before P. Anuradha, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

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'I NEEDED TO CHALLENGE MYSELF TO MATCH ABHIMANYU KASHINATH'S SKILL'

A SHARADHAA

SPOORTHI UDIMANE grew up without a hint of cinema. She never visited theatres as a child and watched her first film only when during her college days. Yet, she always felt a deep intuition for acting. "My father never took me to the theatre, which sparked my curiosity, and I started going to theatres only when I entered college. I started watching more films on TV and enjoyed film events, often staying up late to catch the shows," she recalls.

As a child, Spoorthi engaged in activities that mirrored the film world. "I would practice talking in front of the mirror, living out a 'filmy' life. I even emoted feelings and shed tears, but I never had a dream of acting. It felt like destiny was leading me here. I always sensed that something was happening for a reason," adds Spoorthi, who is preparing for her debut in *Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari*. The film is a thriller directed by Kiren S Suryaa. Featuring Abhimanyu Kashinath, it is slated to release this week.

In her debut role, Spoorthi plays Akshara, a strong female character. "This film gave me the chance to portray a powerful woman. The glimpse revealed by the makers shows there is substance in the character," she explains. Spoorthi recalls her audition experience: "The director was searching for the right kind of heroine. He had a long checklist and told me he saw sharpness in my eyes and liked my natural look in photos."

...says Spoorthi Udimane as she talks about her unconventional journey to acting and the emotional depth she found in her debut, *Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari*

A still from the film

Spoorthi faced a personal challenge during her audition preparation, having lost her father a year ago. "I managed to convey deep emotion even without a script, as memories of my father added depth to my performance, and this heartfelt connection ultimately earned me the director's approval," she says.

Spoorthi was thrilled to receive applause from both the director and the cast, including actor Abhimanyu, who gave her first-hand compliments for her performance. "That's something I can never forget," she adds.

Talking about the film and the director, Spoorthi appreciates Kiren Suryaa's vision. "He is one of those directors with a unique perspective. Just the dialogues shared in the glimpses have created a strong impact. The film explores pure love and purpose, intertwined with thrilling elements," she reveals.

Spoorthi says that working alongside Abhimanyu, son of legendary actor Kashinath, has been a great experience for her. "Kashinath's work speaks volumes. Having gotten the chance to work with his son is a wonderful opportunity. When I first met Abhimanyu, I found him humble. But once I saw his performance, I realised I needed to challenge myself to match his skill," she says.

For Spoorthi, entering the film industry is just the beginning. "Although I don't have a film background, I want to achieve success in cinema. I respect this industry and am eager for opportunities. *Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari* will be my first step into this big screen world," she concludes.

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>
> Spoorthi Udimane, actor

Spoorthi Udimene

Kannada remake of *Kaasra*, *Jai Kisan* gets release date

CE FEATURES

JAI KISAN, the Kannada version of the Marathi film *Kaasra*, is set to hit theatres on November 7. Originally out in Marathi in May 2024, *Jai Kisan* is written and produced by Ravi Nagpure, who hails from Maharashtra. The film explores the challenges farmers face while promoting modern agricultural practices.

At a recent media interaction, Ravi Nagpure shared his excitement about the Kannada release, stating, "The story of this film about a farmer is compelling. After its successful release in Marathi, I felt it deserved a Kannada version as well."

Ravi, a farmer's son, spoke about his connection to the story: "I have closely witnessed the struggles of farmers. I want to challenge the belief that farmers shouldn't marry their daughters to other farmers. Educated individuals should embrace farming, as modern agriculture offers many opportunities. This message is central to the film's story."

The film features an educated protagonist who turns to farming out of necessity, aiming to present a family-friendly narrative. Director Vikas Vilas Misaal praised Nagpure's work, saying, "The story written by Ravi Nagpure is exceptional, and I had the privilege of directing it. Janmejay Telang and Tanvi Sawant have done a great job as the lead actors."

Lead actor Janmejay Telang, who plays a character dedicated to fulfilling his brother's dream through modern farming techniques, remarked, "My character serves as a role model for others through modern agricultural practices." Actor Tanvi Sawant added, "I am proud of my role in the film and believe it carries a powerful message."

CE FEATURES

PREM is all set to make his directorial debut with a Kannada-Telugu bilingual film. The film has been titled *Yake* in Kannada and *Sansthanam* in Telugu. The film will be produced by Seetha Harshavardhan under the newly launched banner, Siri Cinemas.

The title was revealed at a grand event, which was attended by a host of celebrities including actors Orata Prashanth, Srinagar Kitty, producer TP Siddaraju, and Ambuja, who expressed their wishes for its success.

Seetha Harshavardhan, the producer behind the film, shared her excitement: "I have acted in several Kannada films and TV serials, as well as in Telugu serials. When director Prem shared the story, I immediately connected with it. This is why we decided to move forward with the production." With filming set to commence in November, the team has ambitious plans to bring the film to theatres by April next year.

The collaboration doesn't stop there; the production team is also partnering with Amazon and the Hyderabad-based Khushi Cinema. Seetha emphasised their mission: "Our goal is to contribute quality films to the Kannada film industry."

Director Prem expressed his enthusiasm for the project, stating, "This is my first film in Kannada, and I believe it has great content. We will begin filming in mid-November, and the story is one that everyone will enjoy."

During the event, partners from Khushi Cinema echoed the sentiment of collaboration, promising their support for fresh and innovative content.

Prem to make directorial debut with Kannada-Telugu bilingual film

CE FEATURES

ON Saturday, at the New York Comic Con's 'Marvel Fanfare With CB Cebulski' panel, *Daredevil: Born Again*'s lead actors Charlie Cox and Vincent D'Onofrio announced the release date of their series. The show is all set to begin streaming on Disney+ Hotstar on March 4, 2025.

Daredevil: Born Again stars Charlie Cox as Matt Murdock, the blind lawyer turned superhero who fights crime, and Vincent Donofiro as the supervillain Kingpin. The upcoming series is all set to have nine episodes. A second season has already been greenlit by Disney+ Hotstar and Marvel Studios, and is all set to go on floors soon, as announced by Kevin Feige, earlier at the D23 expo in Anaheim.

Daredevil: Born Again is not the sequel to the three seasons of Netflix's Daredevil show. However, the Disney+ series will continue the arcs of the returning characters. Jon Bernthal stars as Frank Castle, also known as The Punisher, a thug who gets into a fistfight with Murdock before the latter realises that he is his ally.

Daredevil: Born Again will be part of Phase Five of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). The official synopsis of the series reads, "Matt Murdock (Cox), a blind lawyer with heightened abilities is fighting for justice through his bustling law firm, while former mob boss Wilson Fisk (D'Onofrio) pursues his own political endeavors in New York. When their past identities begin to emerge, both men find themselves on an inevitable collision course." The cast of *Daredevil: Born Again* also comprises Margarita Levieva, Deborah Ann Woll, Elden Henson, Zabryna Guevara, Nikki M James, Genneya Walton, Arty Froushan, Clark Johnson, Michael Gandolfini, Ayelet Zurer, Wilson Bethel, and Jeremy Earl.

Dario Scardapane runs the show, with the director duo Aaron Moorhead and Justin Benson of Loki fame.

Marvel's *Daredevil: Born Again* gets release date

LUCA GUADAGNINO TO HELM THE NEW AMERICAN PSYCHO FILM

CE FEATURES

IT has almost been finalised that filmmaker Luca Guadagnino, whose adaptation of William S Burroughs' Queer is still continuing its festival run, has been roped in to direct a new adaptation of Bret Easton Ellis' book American Psycho.

Ellis' book was adapted by Mary Harron in the 2000 film of the same name, starring Christian Bale, Willem Dafoe and Jared Leto. The latest adaptation, by The Lionsgate, will be produced by Frenesy Films and executive produced by Sam Pressman, the son of the original film's producer, Edward R Pressman.

Guadagnino, known for I Am Love, Suspiria and the Academy Award-winning Call Me By Your Name, is currently in the postproduction of the Julia Roberts starrer After the Hunt. He last made Challengers, starring Zendaya.

His very recent film *Queer*, with Daniel Craig, will be getting its theatrical release on November 27 by A24.

Luca Guadagnino